



Australia lines up before the match, from left: Jimmy Rooney (captain), Jim Tansey, John Yzendoorn, Tony Henderson, Gary Cole, Mark Jankovics, Jim Muir, Ken Boden, Steve Perry, Ivo Prskalo, Greg Woodhouse. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



England, from left, standing: Kevin Reeves, Brian Talbot, Terry Butcher, Joe Corrigan, Phil Parkes, Brian Greenhoff, Peter Ward, Alan Devonshire. Middle row: Alan Sunderland (obscured), Trevor Cherry, Frank Lampard, David Armstrong. Front row: Glen Hoddle, Bryan Robson, Paul Mariner, Russell Osman.

# And now Ireland

Having escaped with a respectable 1-2 result against the English last Saturday, Australia continues its soccer centenary celebration with a three-match series against Northern Ireland.

The games are in Sydney on June 11, Adelaide June 15 and Melbourne June 18.

And this time Australia can do better.

Whether Rudi Gutendorf makes any changes remains to be seen.

Certainly the inclusion of Jim Muir for the England game caused many grumbles.

Muir, 31, had only three full games for Adelaide City, early in the season, before switching to Marconi a few weeks ago. Because Gutendorf could field only a Marconi — Heidelberg composite team against AC Milan, he chose Muir in one of the centre-back positions.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

But it had not been expected that he would retain the position for the full international against England. He is not naturalised and his tourist visa expired at the start of the month. He would have been ordered to go home to Scotland had he not found a new club when he did.

Yet he was included in the team for a full international, while poor Arno Bertogna, who was on the China tour, sat on the bench. And, Steve Kokoska, the regular centre back in the Victorian State team — a fine defender — wasn't even considered.

It's worth noting that like Muir, John Yzendoorn and Ken Boden aren't naturalised either. Certainly they figure in Gutendorf's long-range plans and they're excellent players, just as Muir is, but to use them in so-called full internationals is tantamount to England coming here with Diego Maradona and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge as members of the team.

Eddie Krncevic, who was on the bench against England, should regain his best form over the next few weeks and get back

into the national team for the Ireland series.

Krncevic has been unsettled. There was talk that he would join South Melbourne Hellas but Marconi has let it be known he is not for sale at any price.

Jimmy Rooney, playing his 50th international, was replaced in the game against England, by Heidelberg team-mate Theo Selemidis who played well.

Competition for a place in the A team is getting fiercer with every match. No-one is secure — not even champions like Rooney and Krncevic.

And the competition can do us no harm at all.

Northern Ireland, like England, will not be at full strength. Arsenal players Pat Jennings, Pat Rice and Pat Jennings have declined claiming they have had too much football this year.

Martin O'Neill, one of the heroes of Nottingham Forest's European Cup victory over Hamburg, is captain of the Ireland team.

The only uncapped players in the squad are reserve goalkeeper George Dunlop of Linfield and his club mate Colin McMurdy, a striker.

Another notable absentee from the squad named last week is Sammy McIlroy, the Manchester United midfielder.

The Ireland series gives Gutendorf the opportunity to try out his "young lions", particularly Alan Davidson, Theo Selemidis and even perhaps George Christopoulos.

Goalkeeper Yakka Banovic also should be given a chance and midfielder Jim Campbell, who couldn't play against England because he was injured, surely will be tried out.

The aim after all, is Spain, 1982.



Ireland captain Martin O'Neill of Nottingham Forest.

The Northern Ireland squad is:  
GOALKEEPERS: Jim Platt (Middlesbrough), George Dunlop (Linfield).  
DEFENDERS: Jimmy Nicholl (Manchester Utd), Chris Nicholl (Southampton), Bryan Hamilton (Swindon), John McClelland (Mansfield).  
MIDFIELDERS: Tommy Cassidy (Newcastle), Tom Sloan (Manchester Utd), David McCrory (Queen's Park Rangers), Martin O'Neill (Nottingham Forest).  
FORWARDS: Tom Finney (Cambridge), Terry Cochrane (Middlesbrough), Noel Brotherton (Blackburn Rovers), Gerry Armstrong (Tottenham Hotspur), Billy Hamilton (Preston North End), Colin McCurdy (Linfield), Derek Spence (Southend).



Jimmy Nicholl

## Asian opponents would do us more good

The current round of international games against top European sides is adding glamour to our soccer program but are they the correct games for our World Cup build up?

Norwich, Cosmos, AC Milan, England, all brought good results, but were they against teams trying less than 100 per cent?

Czechoslovakia eventually was contained by an Australian team working its heart out in a defensive strategy which is unlikely to be used against any of our World Cup opponents, especially at home. What Australia needs is

games against the type of opponents we will meet in our World Cup preliminary games. There is a vastly different team strategy and mental attitude needed to play this type of opponent.

Against Milan, Czechoslovakia and England, Australia had nothing to lose. Few expected us to win. Our players were on a mental high, proud to be stepping onto the same field as some of the world's greats of soccer and ready to run their hearts out to match skills, strength and determination with them.

The Australian crowd is more ready to support the underdog.

Play New Zealand, Iraq or Indonesia and it is a totally different ball game. We are the top dogs and we are expected to win.



MIKE JOHNSON

There is totally different pressure on our players to raise themselves to beat teams most people, including our players, probably think are inferior.

Of course it is not a bad thing to expose our players to

the skills and professionalism of top European sides.

However, this should be balanced with games against good teams from our region.

Since Rudi Gutendorf arrived one and a half years ago, our national 'A' team has played only one national side from our region.

That was against New Zealand with a disappointing 0-1 result. On the other hand the China tour, where we met a nation just learning the game, did not test our players enough.

We play our first World Cup qualifying game in March against New Zealand.

It should be remembered that Australia, under Jim Shouter, had excellent results in the prestigious inter-club tournament between our national team, Red Star, Arse-

nal and Celtic, beating Arsenal.

That was just weeks before Australia took on Asian World Cup preliminary opponents Iran, Kuwait and South Korea. The results were disastrous.

Few people predicted the shock results — yet I did feel at the time that such results could occur for the reasons previously stated.

It is easy to get motivated to play at night against teams better than yourself who are not really flat out.

It happens time and again in the various State League pre-season competitions.

It was one of the reasons my team Wollongong United had such good results in the NSW Ampol cup against teams all from a higher league than ourselves.

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England defenders Frank Lampard (left), Joe Corrigan and Trevor Cherry cover the goal, waiting for a corner. Also waiting is Australia's Peter Sharne.

Rudi Gutendorf lies on his motel bed, watching England beat Argentina 3-1 on television. He has just completed a tactical session on free kicks and corners — the final training before the evening game at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Elsewhere in the building, the players too are

resting, trying to still their nerves. Many have never played a match of such magnitude.

Tony Henderson and Peter Sharne feel relieved. The injuries that have worried them are gone now.

Eddie Krncevic has been added to the squad because Gutendorf and Ron Greenwood have agreed to three substitutes rather than two. Krncevic still feels low though. He wants to be in the starting line-up and he reckons he could reproduce the form he showed on the China tour.

Gutendorf has Krncevic on

the bench. His golden boy hasn't been playing well enough lately, Gutendorf says.

The Socceros had been with England's players the previous night. The visitors had said they will win.

This is not the England A team, of course.

But Gutendorf has high respect for these B players who have come for an A international match to mark the centenary of soccer in Australia.

Paul Mariner, Alan Sunderland, Glen Hoddle and Brian Talbot are as big in reputation as Tony Woodcock, Steve Coppell, Ray Kennedy and the other A players in Rome for the European championships.

So Gutendorf again will mark man-to-man all over the field.

A fine move by Diego Maradona in the TV game prompts Gutendorf to mutter: "What a player, what a player," as he hands me a slip of paper showing who is to mark whom.

Ivo Prskalo will be free at

the back. Jim Muir is on Mariner and Tony Henderson on Sunderland. They're the two England strikers.

In the midfield, Steve Perry has David Armstrong, Jim Rooney is to watch Bryan Robson, John Zenden will take Brian Talbot and out wide on the left, Jim Tansey will try to block Huddle.

The forwards, apart from having their attacking duties, must prevent overlapping runs by the England backs. Mark Jankovic's thus will have to follow Frank Lampard and Ken Boden will have to watch Trevor Cherry. In the middle, Gary Cole has to cope with both Russell Osman and Terry Butcher.

Cole said downstairs earlier he was planning to take along a tent to camp at the penalty area. He wasn't expecting to see much of the ball or to get much help.

Gutendorf says he will bring on Peter Sharne as a substitute. Krncevic? No, he doesn't think so.

The match has been promoted well, so traffic to the ground is heavy. The attendance of 30884 is not bad but it doesn't meet the expectations of the Federation since the game against Cosmos last year drew perhaps 50,000.

There's the usual brass band strutting back and forth before the match, and then governor-General Sir Zelman Cowan comes out to shake hands with all the players.

We're out there on the field, taking pictures of it all. "Don't move," we're told by an official. "Stand still," he yells. "The security people don't allow you to move."

Are we to be shot if we disobey?

Waves of Union Jacks ripple in the grandstands. Typically, the Australian flag is outnumbered.

But those that do squeeze their way past the English banners flap madly as Cole forces goalkeeper Joe Corrigan to make a desperate one-handed save with a well-taken free kick in the first minute of play.

And Cole strikes again seconds later, turning on the ball to get past Butcher and firing in a strong shot which Corrigan saves low.

The other players are scrambling about frantically trying to follow their direct opponents but when England scores it's due to no-one picking up Hoddle coming from behind.

The Australians involved are all goalside of the opponents, but Mariner lays the ball back and Hoddle scores with a slightly curling shot inside the left post. Ten minutes have gone and England leads 1-0.

In the 22nd minute comes Australia's best chance of the first half. Boden, from the midfield, plays an inspired through ball which sends Cole away on one of his favorite runs. He barges past Butcher and tries to steer a shot past Corrigan from an angle. Corrigan is beaten but the ball rolls past the post.

From a possible 1-1, Australia goes down 0-2 four minutes later.

Rooney's short-passing play breaks down in roughly England's left back position, where Butcher grabs the ball and finds Mariner in the clear with a very long pass. Prskalo appeals in vain for offside instead of sprinting towards Mariner. Goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse takes a few tentative strides towards Mariner who picks his mark and slams the ball high into the net.

A Mariner shot and a Mariner header soon afterwards should have added to the score.

Muir is not doing his job diligently enough. He's giving Mariner acres of room. He should be taking his cue from fellow stopper Tony Henderson who's squeezing Sunderland right out of the game.

England is coasting now. The Australians, still scurrying nervously after their op-

# Krncevic may have helped Sharne force a draw



LAURIE SCHWAB



Glen Hoddle skips over Australia's Ivo Prskalo. At left is John Zenden and in the background Terry Butcher.



England's star striker Paul Mariner, scorer of the second goal, with his opponent Jim Muir.

ponents, are able to create little.

Unlike Australia, England has a free man in Hoddle. He is operating all over the pitch while Jim Tansey stays out wide. Gutendorf's plans must have changed. If Tansey goes inside with Hoddle, there will be no flank play for Australia on the left.

But since Tansey is staying wide, surely his team mates should be using him much more than they are.

Australia has a promising

break after half an hour, when Jankovic, who has followed Lampard, clears a corner out of defence, finding Boden in midfield. Jankovic storms forward, gets the ball back from Boden, passes out to Perry and gets it back yet again but just as the move is beginning to look productive, Butcher moves in and breaks it up.

But England is well on top in this half.

Hoddle beats Rooney to get

in a cross in the 39th minute. He finds Mariner who again is free of Muir, but his header is saved point-blank by Woodhouse.

Then Mariner tries an overhead scissors kick that just misses. Muir has the audacity to stand there and complain about Mariner being free!

It's 2-0 at half time and things look bleak for Australia. Theo Selemidis and Peter Sharne have been warming up on the sidelines for 10 minutes, and they continue to do so during the interval. Eventually Gutendorf's assistant, Les Scheinflug fetches Sharne into the rooms. He's to come on for Ken Boden. Selemidis is to continue warming up until he replaces Rooney in the 61st minute.

At this stage the best move would be to make room for Sharne by pushing Boden into midfield as a loose man. Muir could be replaced in defence by Zenden. Alternatively, Prskalo could pick up Mariner, enabling Zenden to stay in midfield where he's doing a good job.

But Gutendorf doesn't see it that way. Boden off, Sharne on. That's the only half-time move.

England remains unchanged. A four-goal tally seems a distinct possibility.

Mariner, Hoddle, Butcher and Corrigan have been England's best to half time. Henderson and Jankovic have starred for Australia. Cole and Perry have been sound as well. But some Australians' lack of speed is exposed — Rooney and Tansey, for example, Prskalo as well.

Rooney, playing his 50th international, is having a forgettable night.

Referee Tony Boskovic wrongly awards Australia a corner although Corrigan has caught the ball inside play. Rooney takes the kick and in a well-rehearsed move, Jankovic runs towards the ball and sends a glancing header behind him towards the far post. Unfortunately for Australia, no-one is following it in.

England, although playing with much less conviction than it had earlier, gets another



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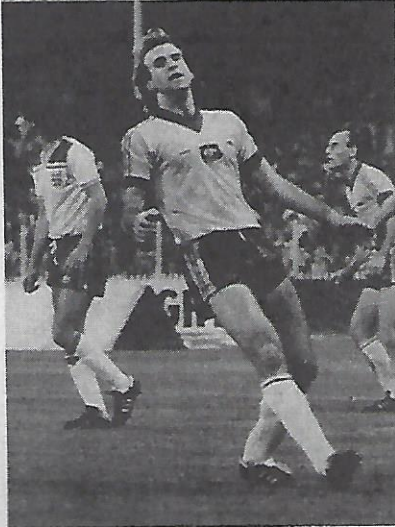


**AUSTRALIA 1** (Cole penalty 88th) **ENGLAND 2** (Hodde 10th, Mariner 26th) at Sydney Cricket Ground, crowd 30,084.

**AUSTRALIA:** Woodhouse 8 - Prskalo 7 - Henderson 9, Muir 6 - Perry 8, Yzendoorn 8, Rooney 6 (Selenid 61st), Tansey 7 - Jankovics 9, Cole 7, Boden 6 (Sharne 10 half time).

**ENGLAND:** Corrigan 8 - Cherry 6, Osman 6, Butcher 8, Lampard 6 - Hodde 9, Robson 8, Talbot 8, Armstrong 6 (Devonshire 75th) - Sunderland 6 (Ward 84th), Mariner 9.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.



Mark Jankovics comes to a screeching halt. He had a fine game for Australia.

chance to score when Sunderland finds himself free of Henderson, but he does it badly and Woodhouse somehow manages to sit on the ball.

Sharne wastes no time. Only two minutes after coming on he combines with Tansey down the left for a cross that is headed out by Osman for a corner.

The corner count at the end of the match is to be 6-4.

Before Sharne turns the game Australia's way, Hodde plays a cunning chip to the far post. Woodhouse, caught at the near post, reacts quickly, sprinting to the other side and getting there to tip the ball over for a corner.

Then Sharne starts his show. After a very lucky let-off for Australia in defence, Sharne breaks down the left, leaving Trevor Cherry far behind. He squares it well, looking for Cole, but Talbot comes back quickly to deflect the ball and avert danger.

Jankovics shows brilliant control inside the penalty area, placing the ball square for Cole who is bearing down furiously, but Corrigan dives at the big striker's feet.

Then comes a dangerous cross from Tansey - very close to the bar, forcing Corrigan to punch over the top one-handed.

A cross by Yzendoorn from the left goes over Osman's head to Sharne who is not expecting such a gift. Caught unprepared, Sharne heads the ball past the post.

Corrigan is fuming over his defender's slackness. As the ball-boy runs to fetch the ball, Corrigan snarls: "Leave it, leave it." He walks to it slowly, intent on wasting time.

Cherry doesn't know what's hit him as Sharne attacks again, gets past, outplays Talbot as well and squares yet again. This time Osman is forced to make a wild clearance, and the crowd starts chanting: "Australia, Australia!"

Selenid, the young Heidelberg player who has served his Soccerro apprenticeship in the youth team and the Oceania Cup, comes on finally. After 40 minutes, he is the most warmed-up player in history.

He looks very good - quick, confident, alert. The boy's got poise.

Within four minutes, Sele-

England's effort. Now it's all Australia, as Cole and Jankovics combine well for a shot by Jankovics, towards the far post. It's not quite powerful enough, though, and Corrigan manages to lunge forward and stop it.

What's needed now is to bring on Krncevic. Sharne needs someone running with him and Krncevic, his Marconi team-mate, is just the man to do it. Surely now is the time to hit England with every possible weapon. What's the point in keeping two stoppers and a sweeper to defend a two-goal deficit?

But there are no more changes and Australia has to be content with its consolation goal, from a penalty, two minutes before the end.

Sharne is involved in that penalty but 10 minutes earlier, he is at the heart of another promising Australian move.

He receives a long ball out of defence from Henderson and storms past Lampard who handles the ball in desperation. Referee Boskovic recognises advantage and lets it go. Sharne makes it to the line and cuts the ball back, but the other forwards are over-anxious. They have come too far forward and the cut-back goes behind them. Cole is there in the thick of things, but it is Selenid who eventually gets in a shot which Corrigan saves.

Peter Ward replaces forward Sunderland in the 84th minute - the second England substitute, as Alan Devonshire earlier had come on for Armstrong.

With two minutes left, Osman turns under pressure from Sharne to play a foolish back-pass to Corrigan. Sharne pounces on the ball and pushes it wide of Corrigan, preparing to continue on and slip it into the empty net, but Corrigan brings him down and Boskovic points to the spot. Cole places the shot strongly to Corrigan's right - his seventh goal for Australia and his third from the penalty spot.



The managers pick each other's brains - Rudi Gutendorf (left) and Ron Greenwood.

## World Cup, here we come

Rudi Gutendorf was proud of the way Australia fought it out in the second half, Ron Greenwood thought England should have won by four.

But Greenwood also praised the Australians for their fight, and he said Peter Sharne caused his team many headaches.

Gutendorf said Australia deserved at least a draw.

He said he saved Sharne for the second half only because Sharne had been injured and had completed only one full training session with the squad.

"With such performances, we will beat our opponents in the World Cup," Gutendorf said.

## Finishing can be improved

By SID BALMAIN

That is the lack of ability to snap up the half chance and by needing too much time to get in shots around goals.

And the reason for this weakness is that we just do not have enough practice or competition against top class teams.

Put this down to our geographical position.

In our club football and against opponents from Asia our strikers have enough time to tee the ball up and "make sure" before shooting.

Against top sides like England, this is not on and the two or three seconds delay in thought and action around goal is fatal.

This surely was proved against England.

So near yet so far, is how I sum up the great centenary clash at the cricket ground last Saturday night.

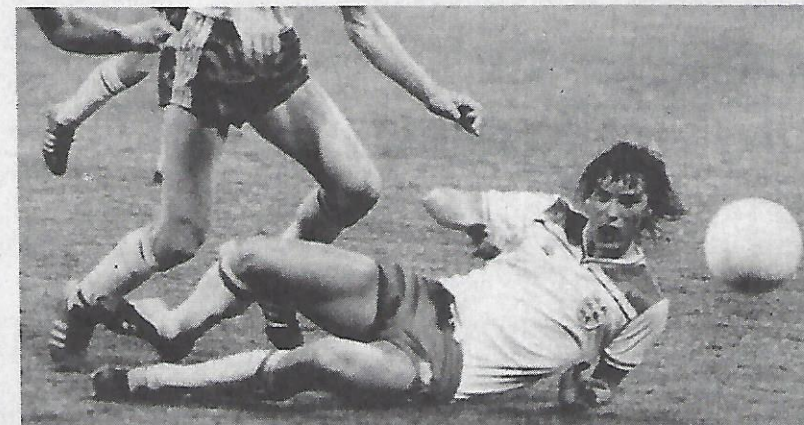
Our Australian players did ever so well and came within a cat's whisker of downing the Poms and making a big name for themselves throughout the world.

Not that they were shamed in the 2-1 defeat, far from it. Their display did nothing but good and once and for all showed the doubters, that good football can be produced in Australia.

For me the main reason for the Soccerro not getting a result was the same reason we have failed in the past against top class teams.



RALE RASIC



## Prize to Hodde

England midfielder Glen Hodde (pictured) won the Winfield prize as the best player of the match.

But striker Paul Mariner was at least equally as good, as was Peter Sharne of the Australian team.

## England disappointing

I was disappointed by this England team. It's play was nowhere near the calibre we had expected.

What surprised me most was the flatness of the defence.

The crowd also was disappointing. We had comparable crowds for games against Iran, South Korea, Uruguay, Cruzeiro, so surely one would expect a lot more from a centenary match.

On the other side of the coin, I was absolutely delighted with Peter Sharne and Mark Jankovics.

Jankovics matched the English players in every technical aspect and for my money, Sharne was the best player on the field. He could have swung the match Australia's way single-handedly.

In my opinion, Sharne is the undisputed best striker in Australia. You can compare him with anyone, but you won't find a player with the same speed, drive, power and general football ability.

His opponent, Trevor Cherry, isn't some beginner. Not only has he been a regular international but he's also captain of Leeds. Sharne

took on this illustrious player and beat him completely.

I thought Australia gave England far too much space in attack during the first half. We had six to eight players standing back, but they weren't marking tightly enough. By half time, England could have been leading 4-2, as Cole also had two good chances.

But in the second half, the tally could have been 4-2 Australia's way. It was all Australia in this half, although Paul Mariner did continue to cause problems every time he was on the ball.

England did have the edge in sheer professionalism, of course.

In the first half it scored two goals from as many shots, whereas Australia, despite its many chances, couldn't score a regular goal for the full 90 minutes.

Looking ahead, I see Australia performing well in the series against Northern Ireland in a few weeks time, but I would like to see Northern Ireland coming here at full strength, instead of leaving its Arsenal players at home.

I'm sick of seeing our soccer being treated contemptuously. The England players slackened off noticeably in the second half.

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# England pulls out of youth titles

England's youth international team will not come to Australia to take part in the World Youth Championship next year.

Despite qualifying for the finals, England has already informed FIFA of its withdrawal.

The sensational news was disclosed by English FA secretary Ted Croker when he arrived in Sydney with the England team for the Centenary Test last week.

Croker told me the reason for the withdrawal

was, that the championships were being held in October.

"This is the wrong time of year for us," Croker said.

"And unless the dates for the youth championships are changed, they will go ahead without the English youth team."

"The reason for this is that our youth team is comprised of players all playing in the First Division for their clubs."

"And to ask the clubs to release them in October is completely out of the question."

"And because of this and the importance of these World youth championships, we refuse to

send anything but our strongest team, so we have withdrawn."

Croker also said that he was quite sure a number of other leading European nations would follow suit.

It is unfortunate for the sponsors of the world youth championships and the ASF that England will not be here.

It is also hoped that this move will not be followed by many more European nations.

But you can see their point. October is a bad time of the year and to send a sub-standard team would make a joke of the whole championships. — SID BALMAIN



Zdravko Lujic (left) of Australia B, moves in to stop Paul Kay coming through for the Colts. No. 8 is Ian Hunter.



Members of the Soccerroo A and B squads at a social function the day before the match, from left: Phil O'Connor, Steve Perry, John Nyskohus, Jim Muir, Ken Boden, George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson.

## DAVIDSON STARS

More and more it becomes evident that the best of the Paraguay '79 players should be permanent members of the Soccerroo 'A' team.

Alan Davidson certainly staked a strong claim for a midfield position by starring in the Soccerroo B team's score-

less draw with the Colts (youth team) on Saturday night.

Davidson and right back Kevin Mullen "carried" their team against the more determined Colts.

Sure, the B team had more skill and flair but the Colts had far greater willpower.

Paul Kay, Ian Hunter, Jim Pastikas and Calvin Daunt had chances to win the game for the youth team.

Glen Ahern in goal had to make some desperate saves but this aside, we expected a lot more from the B players who, after all, were supposed to be striving for promotion to the A team.

Of all the players on the park in this largely forgettable curtain-raiser, Davidson must be regarded as the most serious contender for promotion.

Mullen is as good as he has the difficult task of displacing Steve Perry.

Apart from all-round football ability, Davidson has remarkable aggression and speed of attack and recovery.

George Christopoulos, playing the centre-back position for which Rudi Gutendorf is grooming him, didn't move up

**AUSTRALIA B 0 AUSTRALIAN COLTS 0**, curtain-raiser at Sydney Cricket Ground Saturday night, crowd 30,084.

**AUSTRALIA B: Crook 6 — Mullen 8, Barnes 6, Christopoulos 6, Lujic 6 — Davidson 8, Souness 6 (inj. sub Mariani 65th), Coyne 7, Watson 7, Nyskohus 6, O'Connor 6.**

**AUSTRALIAN COLTS: Ahern 9 — Skoon 6, McLatchey 8, Blair 8, Lynch 6, (Wheatley 7) — Kay 7, Patikas 6 — Hunter 7, Daunt 6, Belic 6, (Colusso, sub Mitchell).**

as often as he could have but showed nevertheless that he is getting closer to the target he has set himself — Ivo Prskalo's position in the national team.

It was disappointing to see Zdravko Lujic being used as left back, thus wasting one of the best wingers in Australia.

The match was the first for the Australian youth team which, in modified form, will contest the world youth championships next year.

On this performance, Ahern has won a permanent place. So have Dave Watt, Paul Kay, Ian Hunter, Steve Blair and Craig McLatchey. LAURIE SCHWAB



• Soccerroo reunion took place before the game, between former national team players, officials and journalists who covered their tours. Standing from left: Ray Beartz, Tom Patrick, John Watkins, Jim Fraser, Dr. Brian Corrigan, Manfred Schaefer, Don Sandell, Bill Rorka, George Keith, Alan Marnoch. Front: John Thompson (not involved), Martin Royal, Joe Vlasits, Ian McAndrew, Attila Abonyi, Johnny Warren, Joe Alagic. Extreme front: Terry Smith.

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## Frank Lowy PSL boss

Sydney City chairman Frank Lowy was elected chairman of the Philips League at the weekend.

He replaces Max Talbot, who has returned to Newcastle KB United from Canberra City.

The Council of Clubs meetings in Sydney felt that it was inappropriate for Talbot to remain PSL chairman as Newcastle then would have two men on the league management committee. The other is Paul Trisley.

The other management committee members with the exception of Sam Papasavas (South Melbourne) were re-elected. Papasavas withdrew due to business commitments and was replaced as alternate member by Charlie Caruso of Adelaide City.



The start of the soccer-Australian Rules "marriage" that looks like ending in divorce. The scene, before the J.U.S.T. v St. George match at Western Oval, shows, from left: Jim Kondarios (J.U.S.T., captain), Tony Kovac

## VFL battle: new ground for JUST?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Footscray J.U.S.T. may get a new ground with a grandstand as a result of its wrangle with the Victorian Football League over use of Western Oval.

Footscray Council is fighting mad over the VFL's opposition to J.U.S.T. sharing the Oval with the Footscray Football Club.

Councillors have spoken angrily about the "dictators" of the VFL "holding the council to ransom."

But at the same time they are reluctant to make a decision which would harm the football club.

The VFL has threatened to force Footscray Football Club — the Bulldogs — to play at North Melbourne if the council allows J.U.S.T. to use Western Oval.

Councillors believe that the Bulldogs could go broke if they had to play outside their home city. It is partly because of their poor financial position that the Bulldogs invited J.U.S.T. to share Western Oval with them. J.U.S.T. was to pay the Bulldogs rental of \$25,000 or 25% of net receipts.

Although the council is intent on making sure the Bulldogs are not harmed by the VFL, it also feels honor-bound to ensure that J.U.S.T. is not harmed.

So the council has decided to seek government help in developing a ground within the City of Footscray for use by J.U.S.T.

One of the grounds behind the Institute of Technology, near the Flemington Racecourse, has been suggested. McIvor Reserve in Francis Street, Yarraville, is another possibility.

J.U.S.T.'s traditional ground is Schintler Reserve in Footscray Road, but that is under the control of Melbourne City Council, and it is not up to Philips League standard.

To play Philips League matches on any new ground, it would have to have covering for between 3000 and 4000 spectators, adequate dressing rooms and toilets plus fencing.

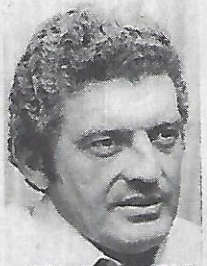
If the council secured a long-term loan for this work, J.U.S.T. would repay it in lieu of or in addition to paying rent. Last year J.U.S.T. played at Olympic Park, but the club sees no future there. "We have been in Footscray for 20 years and the majority of our support is from the western suburbs," club president Tony Kovac said.

He is confident the council will not let the club down.

"I am very happy with the council. I have every confidence in them. I have been promised that we will not be left out in the street."

Mr. Kovac is disappointed at the attitude of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, as is Footscray Council's caucus leader, Cr. Fred Madder.

Cr. Madder points out that in supporting joint tenancy of Western Oval, the council is



Brian Dixon: Must take firm action.

following the policy stated so often by the Department.

Yet the Department has taken no firm action in supporting the council or J.U.S.T., he said.

"What the Department should have done was threaten to force a review of all agreements under which Crown land is used by the VFL," Cr. Madder said.

Mr. Kovac said: "I am not happy with the Department, or the Minister, Mr. Brian Dixon. They were involved from the start and we expected them to come out in the open with firm action."

"But still no-one knows their attitude. I'm sure the public would like to know."

Meanwhile, the battle over Western Oval continues to rage.

Council will ask the VFL to give a guarantee that the Western Oval is part of the VFL's long-range plan. VFL president Dr. Alan Aylett has suggested that Footscray and North Melbourne should share North's Arden Street Oval.

If the VFL is unable to give a guarantee about Western Oval's status, the council may decide to follow the ideal of making it a multi-purpose community sports complex, regardless of any retaliation by the VFL.

Mr. Kovac says: "I hope that one day the VFL will come to realise that it is part of sport and that other sports have equal rights."

"I think that the VFL already has lost the confidence and good will of the majority of the public."

Mr. Kovac added he was disappointed at not having had more support from the soccer body, but he thanked "The Age" which, he said, helped put over the true story of the Western Oval battle.

"Unfortunately 'The Herald' and 'The Sun' kept fairly quiet about it. I hope that they represent all sports, not just Australian Rules."



(J.U.S.T. president), Cr Ray Powell (Footscray mayor), Max Talbot (PSL chairman), Charlie Sutton (Footscray Football Club president) and Doug Utjesenovic (St George captain). Photo by LES SHORROCK.



## ASIA WATCH

### Malaysia tops

Malaysia has shot to the lead in our Asia Watch standings after beating South Korea 2-1 in the final of their Olympic qualifying tournament.

However, Malaysia has declined to compete in Moscow. Malaysia also beat South Korea 3-0 during a preliminary game before the final.

Kuwait enters the 1980 standings for the first time after winning its Olympic final 3-2 against Iran. Kuwait will go to Moscow to take part in the Games.

Australia lost both its games against Kuwait in the 1977 World Cup qualifying series.

Asia Watch covers the period from January to November. The standings are compiled from results of full international and Olympic matches played by nations in the region from the Middle East to the Pacific Islands. It is nations from this region against which Australia must play to qualify for the 1982 World Cup final in Spain.

Results:

JANUARY: Australia v Czechoslovakia 0-4, Australia v Czechoslovakia 0-5, Australia v Czechoslovakia 2-2.

FEBRUARY: New Caledonia v Australia 0-8, Papua New Guinea v Australia 2-1, New Hebrides v Australia 0-1, Tahiti v Australia 2-4, New Caledonia v Fiji 2-1, Fiji v Solomon Islands 3-1, Papua New Guinea v New Hebrides 4-3, New Caledonia v New Hebrides 4-3, Tahiti v New Zealand 3-1, Fiji v New Zealand 4-0, Tahiti v Solomon Islands 5-0, Fiji v Tahiti 3-6, New Zealand v Solomon Islands 4-0, New Caledonia v Papua New Guinea 8-0, Singapore v Sri Lanka 3-0, China v India 1-0, North Korea v Iran 0-0, Singapore v India 1-0, China v Iran 2-2, North Korea v Iran 0-0, Singapore v India 1-0, China v Iran 2-2, North Korea v Sri Lanka 7-0, Mexico v South Korea 0-1, New Zealand v Solomon Islands 6-1.

MARCH: Singapore v Iran 0-3, China v North Korea 1-1, India v Sri Lanka 4-0, Singapore v North Korea 3-1, China v Sri Lanka 7-0, Iran v India 2-0, Malaysia v China 3-1, Iran v Jordan 4-0, Kuwait v Syria 1-0, Yemen v Jordan 2-1, Iraq v Kuwait 1-0, Iraq v Yemen 3-0, Kuwait v Jordan 1-0, Iraq v Kuwait 2-3 (Olympic qualifying final), Malaysia v Indonesia 6-1, South Korea v Japan 3-1, Brunei v Philippines 2-0, Indonesia v Brunei 2-3, Japan v Philippines 10-0, Malaysia v South Korea 3-0, Philippines v South Korea 0-8, Malaysia v Brunei 3-1, Japan v Indonesia 2-0, Malaysia v Japan 1-1, Indonesia v Philippines 4-0, Brunei v South Korea 6-3, Singapore v China 1-0, Iran v Sri Lanka 1-1, North Korea v India 2-1, Singapore v Iran 0-4 (Olympic qualifying final), Israel v Northern Ireland 0-0.

APRIL: Japan v Brunei 2-1, Philippines v Malaysia 0-8, South Korea v Indonesia 1-0, Malaysia v South Korea 2-1 (Olympic qualifying final).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	success
1 (-) Malaysia	7	6	1	0	26	5	13	92.9
2 (-) Kuwait	5	4	1	0	10	3	9	90.0
3 (3) Iran	8	4	4	0	24	4	12	75.0
4 (8) Singapore	6	0	2	1	11	8	12	75.0
5 (1) Tahiti	4	3	0	1	16	8	6	75.0
6 (4) N. Caledonia	4	3	0	1	14	12	6	75.0
7 (6) U.A.E.	2	1	0	4	2	3	75.0	
8 (-) Sth Korea	7	5	0	2	17	6	10	71.4
9 (7) Iraq	7	4	2	1	12	4	10	71.4
10 (-) Japan	5	3	1	1	16	5	7	70.0
11 (8) Australia	7	4	1	2	26	15	9	64.3
12 (9) Nth Korea	7	3	1	3	18	5	9	64.2
13 (13) N. Zealand	4	2	0	2	11	8	4	50.0
14 (10) Fiji	4	2	0	2	11	9	4	50.0
15 (-) Israel	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	50.0
16 (-) Brunei	5	2	0	3	7	10	4	40.0
17 (15) Syria	6	2	0	4	5	6	4	33.3
18 (14) Papua N.G.	3	1	0	2	6	22	2	33.3
19 (-) Yemen	4	1	0	3	4	11	2	25.0
20 (11) Jordan	7	1	1	5	14	3	21.4	
21 (-) Indonesia	5	1	0	4	7	12	2	20.0
22 (12) India	6	1	0	5	5	6	2	16.6
23 (16) N. Hebrides	3	0	3	6	9	0	0	00.0
24 (17) Solomon Is.	4	0	0	4	2	18	0	00.0
25 (-) Philippines	5	0	0	5	0	32	0	00.0
26 (18) Sri Lanka	7	0	0	7	0	42	0	00.0

Any hopes New Zealand holds of extending Australia in next year's World Cup eliminators diminished during the Kiwis' recent internal mini-tour.

After the debacle in New Caledonia, coach John Adshead unceremoniously discarded most of the Oceania cup players and replaced them with a well-balanced team of seasoned veterans and promising youngsters.

On current form, it comprised the best available players in New Zealand.

Opposition came in the form of regional selections - hastily cast together, young, enthusiastic, full of running, but lacking in skill. Their standard perhaps best equated with Fiji "B".

In its first match, New Zealand scrambled a 1-1 draw with the Southern Region

thanks to a late goal by Glen Adam.

Two days later Central Region defeated the national selection 2-1. The only bright spot in an overall abysmal performance was a superb solo goal by Nigel Debenham, playing his last match before embarking for Sydney and a trial with Marconi.

The misery of this performance was compounded by news of the Socceros' win over AC Milan on the same day.

The two-match tour was hurriedly arranged to replace the visit by Queens Park

Rangers. The English club's requirement of \$28,000 for a four-match itinerary was well beyond the New Zealand FA's resources.

This fact aptly illustrates the two main problems of New Zealand soccer - inept administration and lack of finance.

The NZFA is in perpetual economical strife, relying for its survival upon club affiliation fees (currently \$80 a senior team), government hand-outs in the form of Ministry of Sport and Recreation grants, and the sympathy of bank managers.

Nationwide raffles, mystery envelope appeals and attempts to recruit sponsors have failed miserably.

Viewed realistically, a World Cup campaign is a luxury New Zealand cannot afford. Realism however is not a commodity over-abundant in NZFA circles, particularly since judgement has been clouded by the euphoria of last year's victory over Australia.

The programme perseveres in the hope that the World Cup spotlight will give the game here a much needed promotional boost, while the financial bonanza all World Cup finalists can anticipate provides an incentive the NZFA cannot ignore.

The Oceania Cup and the internal tour proved conclusively that PSL based players will form the backbone of any viable New Zealand combination.

Adshead was expected to contact Duncan Cole, Richard Wilson, Johan Verweij, Mark McNaughton and Roy Drinkwater while attending Australia's centenary match against England.

At the time of writing WDU is suspended from the league until the debt (\$2,500) is paid.

Naturally it would be cynical to claim that the NZFA is imposing large fines on offending clubs in order to finance the World Cup campaign. However feasible attempts to raise the massive costs of such an undertaking have been ominously unsuccessful.

Reset by incompetence and lack of money, the New Zealand World Cup effort is floundering.

Should New Zealand overcome all its difficulties and qualify for the World Cup finals it will no doubt utilise a cheap mode of flying to Spain - on the back of pigs!

# New Zealand World Cup effort flounders

From PAUL MOON

## Coyne goes quietly

Soccerro John Coyne has switched from Brisbane City to APIA-Leichhardt in one of the quietest transfers since the PSL started in 1977.

The reason was the journalists' strike which prevented the transfer from receiving the exposure it deserved.

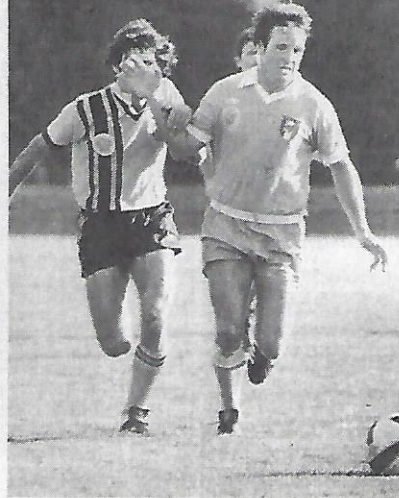
APIA paid \$800 for Coyne and he partnered Dave Harding and Col McAusland in midfield in APIA's 2-1 victory over Canberra City.

That midfield is likely to stay together for the rest of the year. Harding was included a few weeks earlier after joining from Blacktown.

The forward line also looks fairly settled now. It is likely to remain as it was against Canberra - Terry Butler, Bill Pirie and Phil O'Connor.

And the defence picks itself - Greg Woodhouse, Rob McGinn, Peter Wilson, Jim Dempsey and Mark Pullen.

Coyne (pictured) who trialled with the New York Cosmos on one of its European tours some years ago, has signed a three-year contract with APIA - LAURIE SCHWAB



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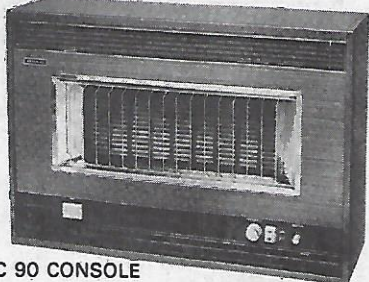
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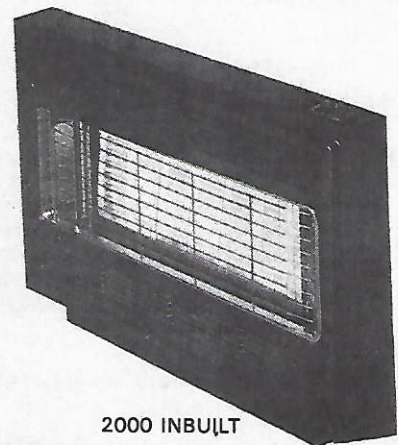
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## IN FOCUS

By Peter Scott



The poms have come, and the Poms have gone — and wasn't last week's match at the Sydney Cricket Ground a great spectacle?

It was, indeed! There was color, atmosphere, lots of quite entrancing football — and generally, a whole lot of things which your chronicler liked and disliked.

Let's take them one by one:

\*\*\* I liked the bold decision of the Australian Soccer Federation to stage an England v Australia match as the centrepiece of our Centenary celebrations.

I didn't like the apparent shortsightedness in not allowing for the European Championship finals this month, which was the direct

cause of the English not bringing their best squad.

While some very effective propaganda by the administrators and the goodwill of the often maligned, but nonetheless indispensable, media averted a public relations fiasco, the possibility of it always was out there.

The proof of this statement will be borne out by England's 22-man squad in Italy next week.

You'll be lucky to find more than a handful of the visitors to our shores among them.

\*\*\* Talking about the media,

Sydney's Channel 7 television news managed to come up with the single most distasteful item of all the "action" surrounding the game.

I most definitely didn't like Gary Carr's contribution on Friday night's news, clinically dissecting the Australian team's background, the players' countries of birth and former nationalities.

And I was naive enough to believe such antediluvian style of journalism went out in the early sixties!

How right Rudi Gutendorf was after the match when he alluded to the Channel 7 item by stating that "we still have our enemies".

Only reporters who have no ability to convey real news to their audience feel the need to ignore that Australian citizens are just what the words imply — Australians!

Thus, they are entitled to pursue their favored activities in this country, whether it's soccer or stamp collecting.

In fact, I liked NSW Premier Neville Wran's pre-match expression of pride in the rich diversity of the soccer fabric in Australia.

\*\*\* It was gratifying and definitely appreciated to see the ASF recognise some of the stalwart workers and ex-players of our code by inviting them to the pre-match luncheon on Friday and the game itself.

I didn't like, however, that at least this member of "Soccer Action's" staff had to find out by accident about the affair in a Sydney hotel — the third such "mishap" in almost as many weeks.

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I liked Rudi Gutendorf's action in making himself available to the media almost immediately after the end of the game.

Rudi is a professional and as such realises that the ambitions of Australian soccer, as well as his personal goals as coach, can be achieved only in close co-operation with all sections of the community — including the media.

In contrast with our coach's co-operative stance, I and other scribes certainly did not like the loud outburst of one of our officious officials who burst out of the England dressing room past waiting pressmen anxious about deadlines to meet, shouting: "The press

is not entitled to special privileges."

What a change of tune from the anxious weeks prior to the match when soccer officialdom was unabashedly begging the media to help promote the fixture as a full international, in spite of the visitors coming without any of their first choice stars.

Will the day ever come when reporters and journalists are appreciated, rather than just tolerated and occasionally used, by administrators?

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I and everyone around me liked the big match atmosphere on this night of nights; the color, the spectacle and the sheer anticipation, which

stamped this match as a very important occasion for Australian soccer.

What we did not like was that the King's School did not have any visible role or recognition on this centenary occasion.

Kings, and a Parramatta club which has long ago disappeared, were the pioneers who met in the first official soccer fixture in Australia 100 years ago.

Kings School is still around, is still a famous institution in this city, but my informants from this outstanding house of learning told me that the ASF "didn't want to know us" in the weeks leading up to the big match.

## PSL STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY					
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Goals P
*HEIDELBERG UTD	6	0	0	23	8	2	3	1	8	3	31:11 19
*SYDNEY CITY	4	1	1	16	7	4	0	2	10	6	26:13 17
*STH MELBOURNE	4	1	1	8	4	4	0	2	9	5	17:9 17
*MARCONI	3	3	0	18	4	3	1	2	7	7	25:11 16
*Brisbane Lions	4	0	1	8	4	2	2	2	9	9	17:13 14
*Footscray JUST	4	0	1	14	7	1	2	3	8	13	22:20 12
Adelaide City	4	2	1	9	4	1	0	5	8	11	17:15 12
*Canberra City	2	1	4	8	11	3	0	2	12	4	20:15 11
*Newcastle KB Utd.	2	1	3	4	9	2	2	2	8	9	12:18 11
Blacktown City	3	1	2	12	10	1	1	5	6	22	18:32 10
*West Adelaide	4	1	1	8	5	0	0	6	6	20	14:25 9
*APIA-Leichhardt	3	2	1	8	9	0	0	6	3	10	11:19 8
*Brisbane City	2	1	3	4	5	0	2	4	3	12	7:17 6
*St. George BSC	1	0	5	5	18	1	1	4	8	14	13:32 5

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Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA CITY: Wilson 7, Robert, O'Shea 9, Williams 8, Byrne 9, John O'Shea 8, Cole 8, Farrell 8, MacLaren 8, (Brennan 6th), Giampolo 7, Valeri 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wisner 9, Potter 8, Ratcliffe 7, (Perry 5th), Pimblett 7, Gaffney 7, Bruzese 8, Palinka 7, (Low, 7th) Wilkinson 7, Hamilton 7, Kelso 8, Caldwell 8.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 BLACKTOWN 2 Olympic Sports Field.

Ratings by Stephen Fairfax.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Dadds 8, Jones 8, Perin 8, B. Nyakohus 7, Russell 8, Muriel 8, Marocchi 8, (Desir 7), J. Nyakohus 7, Barnes 7, Fashanu 7.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Freeman 8, Turnbull 7, Pointer 7, Cuk 7, Harris 7, Hornazabal 6, Selva 7, O'Donnell 7, Fisher 8 (Pollard), Izatt 7, Wilkinson 7.

Leading ratings:

8.3 Hemmiston (BL).

8.2 Cole (H'berg), V Bannon (SM).

8.1 Bennett (BL), Rooney (H'berg), Barnes (SC).

8.0 Hogg (BL), Milovanovic (Can), J. Campbell (H'berg), Reaney (Newc), Laumets (SM).

7.9 Tansey (H'berg), Maher (Mar), Wetson (SC).

7.8 Ontong (BL), McMillan (H'berg), Xanthopoulos, Lutton (SM), S. O'Connor, Boden (SC), Perry (BC) Williams (Can).



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## Leading scorers:

17: Cole (H'berg).  
8: Krncevic (Marci), Barnes (SC).  
7: J. Nyskohus (AC), Boden (SC).  
6: Giampaolo (Can), Jankovics (Marci), Duarte (St. G).  
5: Valeri (Can), Vasic (Foots), Paton (H'berg).  
4: O'Connor (APIA), Wilkinson, Hunter (Black), Millman (BL), J. Campbell (H'berg), Sharne (Marci), Kosmina (WA).  
3: Samuels (APIA), Ortega (Black), Kelso (BC), Picciano, Lujic, Ollerton (Foots), G. Campbell, Buljevic, Evans (SM), Smith, Stevenson, Trentor (SC), Harding (APIA).

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7.4 Bertogna (Newc).

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A return trip to Surfers Paradise for two by courtesy of Soccer Action in conjunction with T.A.A. will go to the best Under 21 player according to Soccer Action Ratings.

# Hellas to strengthen title claim; Blacktown again?



AC Milan ended its tour by beating Western Australia 3-2 in Perth on Sunday. Antonelli (No 9) is pictured beating WA goalkeeper McNally but the ball hit the side netting. The other WA players are Adam and Jones.

## Antonelli brilliant

By STEPHEN FAIRFAX

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1 (Bozanic 64th) AC MILAN 3** (Antonelli 32nd, 51st, De Vecchi 11) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 12,656.

SA: Marshall 7, B. Nyskohus 7, Perin 8, Jones 7, Bozanic 7 - McGregor 8, Maricchi 6, Russell 7 (Maricchi 59th), - Pope 6 (Haigh 53th), Kosmina 6, Mahony 7 (Brown 77th).

AC MILAN: Navazzotti 9, Boruatto 7, Bigon 9, Ranieri 7 (Menichini 7, 46th), Zanini 7 - Nicolini 8, De Vecchi 7 (Capello 8) - Novellino 7, Antonelli 9 (Mandressi 65th) Uliveri 7.

AC Milan, retaining the ability to think on their feet, swept aside South Australia to record an emphatic 3-1 win in front of 5,656 appreciative fans at Hindmarsh Stadium.

It was a marvellous contest but one which the Italians never looked as if they would surrender. Milan was far too accomplished and swift in thought and movement and fully justified their four-star billing.

Milan was also very diplomatic. They allowed the South Australians room to play and did not resort to petty and cynical fouls which are associated with the Italian game.

Star of the game was the elusive Roberto Antonelli. The 27-year-old forward, who had his birthday only two hours after the game, illustrated fine technique.

Despite being closely checked by David Jones, he managed to lose him twice, with a goal resulting on the second occasion.

State coach Uros Zivkovic was forced to make changes, with Meta and Muniz injured, and John Nyskohus and Martyn Crook in camp with the national team.

He was forced to field one of the weakest attacks SA has had in years.

John Kosmina was the central striker, with John Pope (Croatia) and David Mahoney (Cumberland) supporting them.

Mahoney was the most effective, although Kosmina could have turned the match for SA had he not missed two gilt-edged chances in the first half.

His West Adelaide colleague Ian McGregor grabbed all the attention.

That "old" maestro John Perin also had a big influence on the game.

Sweeper in the first half, he moved to midfield after the restart and dissected the ground with some lovely passing.

But what of Milan?

Well, they certainly didn't repeat their European Cup final form of 1969 when they destroyed Johan Cruyff and Piet Keizer's Ajax Amsterdam 4-1, but it was still a beautifully cultured performance.

Inevitably they took the lead after 11 minutes with a fine header from Walter De Vecchi.

Antonelli drove a deep wedge between the two teams with a precise 18-metre free kick which slipped in between Marshall and the bottom right hand post.

SA was given the chance to retaliate but Jones made a mess of penalty kick which should never have been awarded.

The ball was slammed onto the hand of a Milan defender from almost point blank range.

Jones took the penalty, which Kosmina should have had and placed a low shot near the left hand post but third-tier goalkeeper Francesco Navazzotti made a marvellous save.

Antonelli increased Milan's lead with the goal of the match just six minutes after the restart.

He pounced on a superb delayed pass, went wide of Marshall and from the tightest of angles sliced the ball into the far corner.

SA notched the goal it had worked so hard for six minutes from the end.

Vic Bozanic, just as he did against the Czechs, powered a magnificent shot, this from a free kick, which beat Navazzotti's outstretched fingers.

### South Melbourne

Hellas should continue towards its goal - the PSL championship - when it takes on Brisbane Lions at Middle Park on Sunday.

Fired by the skills of George Campbell, Hellas must defeat Lions convincingly if it is to convince its critical fans that it is a genuine championship contender.

With the all-important clash with Heidelberg only three weeks away, Hellas strikers Alun Evans, Duncan Cummings and evergreen Branko Buljevic will be hungry for goals.

If Bertie Lutton continues his dazzling form he must surely be recognised as the best sweeper in the PSL.

Lions will rely on its brilliant striker, Ron Millman, can come into reckoning as a potential scorer. Provided that Arthur Xanthopoulos, Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson get good cover during their forward forays the home side should wrap up both points with ease.

Blacktown City is the big improver in the PSL but it faces its stiffest test since the turn-around in its fortunes when it faces Les Scheinflug's Marconi at Gabble Stadium.

The Blacktown defence must keep the shackles tight upon Marconi's famed forward trio of Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovics and Eddie Krncevic if it is to come out of this encounter with at least one point.

Ian Hunter, Australia's ace youth striker, can swing this game in Blacktown's favour.

But at the final reckoning the home side should be pleased to gain a point, given the dismal fashion in which it started season 1980.

Fellow strugglers APIA and St. George meet in a game crucial for both sides.

The loser could be doomed to despair through the remainder of the season while the winner may gain the impetus to climb the PSL ladder.

APIA should win thanks to the goalscoring prowess of Bill Pirie and the service he will get from winger Phil O'Connor.

Aging St. George sweeper Doug Utjesenovic may find time and Pirie passing him by as APIA grabs both points.

Canberra City, after successive losses to lowly Blacktown and APIA, should appease its fans by breaking down the Footscray JUST defence at Bruc Stadium on Sunday.

Sebastian Giampaolo has the speed and skill to beat whichever full back he opposes - Igor Hazabent or Chris Petrov - and also to squeeze through the narrowest of gaps left by Jim Kondorakis, Peter Ollerton and Jim O'Reilly in the middle.

Walter Valeri lurks menacingly, ready to pounce on any loose ball.

But Canberra won't do it easily. Lujic and Vasic are lethal up front and Zoran Ilioski is due for a big game in midfield after celebrating his birthday last week.

Joe Picciano and Slobodan Jovanovic have much more class than any of the Canberra midfielders and they could swing the game JUST's way.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Stylish Sydney City takes on the inconsistent Newcastle United at the Sydney Athletic Field and should have little trouble in finding a path through the United defence.

With Joe Watson and Hilton Silva creating havoc out wide City strikers Ken Biden and Mark Trentor could have a field day against the slack United defence.

So City should continue its surge towards regaining respectability for Sydney soccer, respectability somewhat denied by the success of Melbourne's Heidelberg United and South Melbourne.

Former Sydney City coach Gerry Chaldi gets the chance to show Adelaide soccer fans that his present charges at West Adelaide can emulate the feat of neighbour Adelaide City by defeating PSL leader Heidelberg United.

United is in brilliant form once more and but for its loss to Adelaide City it has proved itself a genuine championship contender.

"Stop Gary-Cole and you stop United," is no longer a valid catch-cry, for United's goalscoring strength is spread among its quick-breaking midfielders and Cole's striking pal Jamie Paton, so the visitors should show Adelaide's responsive soccer public why this great Melbourne team sits proudly atop the PSL ladder.

The weekend's games with likely winners and venues:

**IN SYDNEY**  
SYDNEY CITY v Newcastle at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1978 - SC 4-1, 1-0, 1979 - SC 2-0, 1-0.

Blacktown v Marconi (draw) at Gabble Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. No previous results.

**APIA LEICHHARDT v St. George** at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1979 - APIA 2-1, 1-0.

**IN MELBOURNE**  
HELLAS v Brisbane Lions at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - BL 2-0, Hellas 1-0. 1978 - Hellas 2-1, 1-1. 1979 - BL 2-0 Hellas 3-0. Advantages Hellas 3 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 7:6.

**IN ADELAIDE**  
West Adelaide v HEIDELBERG at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - 1-1, 0-0. 1978 - WA 3-2, 1-1, 1979 - WA 1-0, Heidelberg 1-1. Advantages WA 2 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 7:7.

**IN BRISBANE**  
Brisbane City v Adelaide City (draw) at Perry Park, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 - BC 2-1, 1-0. 1978

## New attacker for Altona

Altona (Vic) has boosted its State League squad by the signing of 22-year-old Scot, Brendon Farrner.

Farmer last played with Irving Meadow in the Ayreshire first division, a junior league.

He plays up front or in midfield and is a skillful ball player with good vision.

Altona hopes to use the young Scot to settle play down and build up from the middle where his assets in finding space seem best suited.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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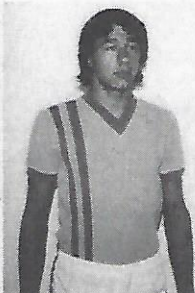
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## Fashanu finds going tough

ADELAIDE CITY 3  
BLACKTOWN CITY 2

Goals — Adelaide City: Barnes 23rd, Dodds 56th, Nyakohus (pen) 80th.  
Blacktown: Wilkinson 15th, Pollard 83rd.

Crowd: 3100  
Ground: Olympic Sports Field  
Cautions: Perin (AC) Warren, Turnbull (Blacktown)

Adelaide City's English guest player Justin Fashanu is having a rough introduction to the Phillips League.

Fashanu was the target for some cynical tackles from Blacktown City defenders but kept his cool and played an important role in a 3-2 win.

Blacktown paid the penalty for the rough tactics when Fashanu charged at goal squared a pass to Muniz who was hacked and promptly awarded a penalty kick.

Goalkeeper Peter Marshall threw the ball to a defender but it bounced off referee Bobby Kerr who was running past. The ball rolled to Blacktown striker Paul Wilkinson who rounded Marshall and slotted it into an open goal.

City grabbed a deserving equaliser eight minutes later when Colin Barnes slammed a loose ball past goalkeeper Peter Freeman. It was Barnes' second goal in three matches.

City gradually regained the control it had until Blacktown's lucky goal and emphasised that with a stunning effort from defender Glen Dodds in the 56th minute.

John Perin fired a shot against the bar and it bounced to Dodds who crashed a super 30 metre shot into the bottom right-hand corner.

City again dominated the match but it was hampered by the rash of petty fouls being committed on Fashanu. Twice he looked like breaking through, but on both occasions he was brought down with crude, cynical tackles.

Blacktown had few effective players, but goalkeeper Peter Freeman confirmed the rave notices he's been getting in recent weeks. Fashanu brought out the best in him when he made a fine stop from a powerful header.

City notched its third goal in the 80th minute when Kerr rightly awarded a penalty after Muniz, who had charged onto a Fashanu ball, was brought down.

John Nyakohus characteristically slammed the ball well clear of Freeman for a 3-1 lead. But Blacktown hit back only three minutes later when substitute Stephen Pollard, who had replaced Allan Fisher, pounced on a defensive error and struck a fine rising shot past Marshall from 10 metres.

## FERNANDEZ RESIGNS

Canberra City coach Vic Fernandez resigned on Monday night.

Club directors had been putting pressure on Fernandez to achieve better results with their team of expensive recruited stars.

They would not accept that it takes time for such a drastically rebuilt team to become an effective unit.

"We spent a lot of money, effort and time to build a good team but some directors do not have the patience to match their ambition," Fernandez said.

One director, Bernie Harris, resigned when Canberra's board decided to accept Fernandez's resignation.

The players, at a meeting also backed Fernandez. It is believed some Canberra officials want to appoint former Soccer Australia Atila Abonyi, coach of Melita Eagles.

Fernandez 41, may move to another club or go back to his previous job as engineering mechanic.

Fernandez played for River Plate the Argentine Olympic team, St George in Sydney and in New Zealand. He has been coaching for ten years.

## Canberra fans disillusioned

CANBERRA CITY 1  
BRISBANE CITY 1

Ref: C. Bambridge

Crowd: 3,580

Cautions: Plimblett, Yellow card.

Goals: R. O'Shea (Can), Kelso (BC)

Second bottom Brisbane City made Canberra City fight all the way before it snatched a late equaliser to save face in a 1-1 draw at Bruce Stadium last Sunday.

Troubled Canberra was easily the better team but failed to convert chance after chance.

Hard working half back Robert O'Shea got the late equaliser just four minutes from time.

It followed a goalmouth scramble with O'Shea finally seeing a gap and blasting the ball into the net from 18 metres.

Then, in the remaining four minutes, Canberra City poured on the pressure as it attacked in waves.

Second half replacement Tony Brennan played with tremendous vigour and determination.

Just seconds from the end he almost snatched a winner.

Canberra's Duncan Cole, the master of the long throw, reached the goalmouth and found Brennan who back-headed goalwards. Kim Wishart was beaten, but not Brisbane's second half replacement for the limping David Ratcliffe, Steve Perry.

The diminutive centre back, who 24 hours before had played his heart out for Australia against England, spotted the danger and he headed Brennan's back header off the goal-line.

This was great, fighting soccer from Canberra City.

But why did it take so long to come?

Canberra's close, one-two passing when near goal on a slippery pitch just didn't come off. When it opened up play and shot from any angle it was dangerous.

In a period of intense Canberra City pressure between the 15th and 20th minute it looked superb.

It began with a long shot from Harry Williams that Wishart had to go full-length to save. Three minutes later it was Walter Valeri's turn with an 18 metre piledriver that again Wishart did well to hold.

Although the pressure died Brisbane rarely troubled Canberra's defence with the only forward making an impact being lanky Barry Kelso.

It was Kelso who got Brisbane's goal. But Canberra City was to go within a whisker of opening its account in the 39th minute.

Duncan Cole floated over a high cross that Donald MacLaren met with a finely placed header. Wishart looked beaten as it dipped under the bar. With great reflexes Brisbane's keeper got a hand to it and tipped it over the bar.

In the second half it was all Canberra City again with the remodelled team, with Milovanovic and Moulis absent, well on top. Replacements Terry Byrne and Isaac Farrell had fine games. As the half progressed one felt more confident of a City win.

Williams was overlapping and running brilliantly down the wing to join the attack but in front of goal Wishart was in incredible form.

Valeri again hit a pile-driver and again Wishart saved brilliantly.

Then disaster. Brisbane with its first real attack of the half broke away down the right flank. The ball was floated over and big Barry Kelso was on hand to find the net with a header that Canberra's 'keeper Richard Wilson appeared to misjudge.

Canberra's moment came in the 72nd minute. Robert O'Shea got the equaliser and the home team lived to fight another day.

But as the crowd figure showed, already they are down to hard core regulars. Crowds are fickle — they want only a winning team. — PETER WINDSOR



Footscray J.U.S.T. coach Rocco Ilie, the former star forward with Yugal and Pan Hellenic in Sydney, has been doing special coaching sessions for students at Footscray Institute of Technology. He is pictured showing his juggling skills. Picture by LES SHOR-ROCK.

# Young stars like Patikas make our future bright

By TONY HENDERSON

## On the Ball

The Player's Viewpoint



When I moved from Canberra to Marconi it was with the aim of enhancing my chances of selection in the Australian national team and the move has proved to be right.

Marconi is a truly professional club and the boys there are the best bunch of lads I have been with.

Canberra was amateurish in comparison in that it had a long way to go but it has certainly picked up dramatically since my stay there.

I started my professional career with Blackpool in England in 1971 before moving to Rotherham United.

In 1975 I decided to give South Africa a go and I joined Durban United, staying until 1977.

The football in South Africa really surprised me. It was of a pretty high standard and the experience of playing there was great.

I came to Canberra through my friendship with Ron Tilse who told coach John Warren about me.

John never had seen me play but went on Ron's say-so. The time I spent at Canberra was very enjoyable, but everyone has aspirations and the lack of recognition afforded Canberra players prompted my transfer to Marconi.

It has been a great move for me as the treatment Marconi players get is second to none in this country.

Our facilities are tremendous and playing alongside good players brings out the best in you.

We have four or five full-time players and our coaches are all highly qualified.

We have to start picking up the three points separating us from the top and no doubt Heidelberg and Sydney City are the teams to beat.

But I reckon that we will be there at the end, in with a shout for the championship.

We have a good relationship among our squad and we have a good laugh between ourselves with quite a few pranks from time to time.

Team spirit is tops and that is crucial when you are together so often.

The training camps for the national team rely on building spirit as much as organising our style of play.

At the camps we get to know each other better and you talk about football all the time.

We are an attacking team and with the players we have we really have no option but to go at the opposition.

Gary Cole, Eddie Krncevic, Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharpe are players with speed, skill and scoring ability.

In Jimmy Rooney we have the perfect leader to harness the talents of the younger players.

Rudi Gutendorf has brought professionalism into the national team and it rubs off on us.

Tactically Rudi is first-class

and he excels at summing up the opposition.

Rudi gets great help from Les Scheinflug and Len McKendry.

We, the players, are the beneficiaries of their work and we are preparing a great national team just now.

You cannot afford to be negative because our failure to get to the World Cup finals in 1978 was due to our negative attitude.

Everyone is keyed up and ready to go.

And the future looks great if the players in the youth team are anything to go by.

I had a chance to see some of these lads during our training camp prior to the England game and they really surprised me.

The youth team plays a similar style to ours by attacking and playing possession football.

It looks like a great team and Jim Patikas looks to be brilliant. He has a ton of raw talent and his ball control and vision are exceptional.

Steve Blair is a big, strong boy and he is great in the air and a very strong tackler.

Ian Hunter stands out as a fine goalscorer which is unusual for a winger. He is strong and fast.

I have talked to Yakka Banovic about his plans to go to Derby County and I believe that this will become a growing trend in our football.

If, as I believe, our football goes fully professional within four years, then a growing number of the many talented boys here will look to establishing themselves in Europe or even America.

Coaching is crucial in the 13 to 17-year-old bracket and this is the age group that suffers most in our football.

In England you are invited to train with professional teams at that age, so the difference between our boys and the boys overseas is still marked.

But we will improve. Indeed, the PSL has improved a lot since I first played.

My first game was the day after I arrived here from South Africa and strangely enough it was against Marconi in a practice match.

I was not impressed by the standard but it has undoubtedly progressed.

Many of these young players never have had to experience the anguish of being sidelined through injury but let me tell you the recent trouble I have just got over was shattering to say the least.

When playing in Taiwan with the national team last year I twisted my upper body badly.

I had a shot at goal and my lower body stayed still while the rest of me twisted sharply.

I rested, thinking little of the injury and later I played in Indonesia with Marconi.

This obviously aggravated the problem and I finally was sidelined after Australia's first game against Czechoslovakia earlier this year.

Being inactive is terrible. Young players who have avoided injury so far don't appreciate what it is like sitting on the bench and I am just thankful that my injury is not as serious as first thought.

Now I can get on with the business of playing once more.

My long term aim is to play for Australia in Spain in the 1982 World Cup finals and I am confident that we will get there. Not over confident but confident.

We have basically a young team with a fair degree of skill, guts and enthusiasm.

With just a little bit of application we can beat teams like Iran and get through our qualifying group.

We are prepared to fight for the right to play in Spain and we know what is involved to get there.

We'll make it, believe you



Jim Patikas (right), of Sydney City, scores NSW's winning goal in the final of the 1980 national youth titles as South Australia's Ian McKie is helpless to stop the shot. Tony Henderson describes Patikas as a player with 'the son of a gun talent'.

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## MIKE IN LEAD

Votes for the General Tourist Best Player Award, a return trip for two to New Zealand.

SLAVIA v W. SUBURBS  
3 — Adams (C)  
2 — Haupt (Slav)  
1 — Whiteside (Slav)

CROYDON v CROATIA

3 — Adams (C)  
2 — Kokoska (C)  
1 — Doornenbal (Croy)

ALTONA v SUNSHINE

3 — Scholten (S)  
2 — Cannell (S)  
1 — Watters (A)

GREEN GULLY v MAKE-

3 — Crilly (GG)  
2 — Rainey (M)  
1 — Patten (GG)

GEORGE CROSS v HAKOAH

3 — Kent (H)  
2 — Castiello (GC)  
1 — Wilkinson (GC)

JUVENTUS v FRANKSTON

3 — Cooper (F)  
2 — Nelson (J)  
1 — McGuinness (J)

Leading vote getters:  
10 — Glykhalamos (WS)  
9 — McCombe, Murphy (Croy), Paparas (GC), Cannell (A), Curcio (J),

8 — Cullen (M), Morrey (GG), Kent (H),  
7 — Gibson (H), Singleton (S), Mussel (S), Wilkinson (GC), Lucchesi (M), Dunne (GG)

Leading scorers: 9 — McGuinness (J) 6 — Adams (F) 5 — Ward, McMillan (M), Gilder (M), French (H), Pocock (S)



Martin Chivers



Mike Glykhalamos



Craig MacKenzie

The highlight of Sunday's games is the appearance of former English international Martin Chivers to bolster Frankston City's attack.

John Bond, Norwich City manager, is the man Frankston committeeman Del Lines has been using to tee up the Chivers deal.

But when Bond toured overseas with Norwich, Lines had trouble reaching Chivers's club Brighton and Hove Albion.

Now that Chivers's young son is to go to hospital for an operation, the big striker would prefer to stay in England a little longer to set his mind at ease.

So Chivers, who had been due last weekend now will be arriving in Melbourne on Saturday at 9.35 am and it is expected he will play the following day against Western Suburbs at Centenary Park.

His arrival will start a four-week home stint for Frankston, so the Baysiders should get plenty of mileage from their star attraction.

Chivers will get the opportunity to test his scoring prowess against probably the most consistent central defenders in the State League, Marian Jaworski and Mike Glykhalamos.

Jim Kypridis is the most underrated full

back in the league and he has the speed and recovery to tackle Frankston's flying winger Bruce Young.

But the Baysiders should win and start the four game stay of Chivers on a successful note.

George Cross has an uphill battle to contain the brilliant forward trio of Makedonia. Robert Cullen should skin whichever defender picks him up.

If Lube Petrovski and Claude Lucchesi can provide good support to their front runners, the league leader should get home.

With former Eire international Jimmy Dunne resuming his rightful role as sweeper, Juventus's striking trio of Bobby McGinness, George Gillan and Mendo Ristovski should find goals hard to come by at Green Gully Reserve.

The home side can grab both points provided Andy Segi's hard running and direct play is serviced from a winning midfield.

Hakoah's wingers Mike Loh and Chris Kent should set up many chances for Graham French and if the big man finds his touch Altona could be in for a dismal day.

In other games, the rapidly improving Croydon should prove too solid for Sunshine and Croatia must surely take both points from relegation-bound Slavia.



George Cross

Altona v Hakoah (draw) at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

George Cross v MAKEDONIA at Olympic Park No 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Green Gully v JUVENTUS at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

FRANKSTON v Western Suburbs at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Slavia v CROATIA at the Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm.

Croydon v Sunshine (draw) at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Our guest tipster this week is Juventus supremo Manny Puskas (pictured). Manny's selections with likely winners in capitals:

JUVENTUS: Rellly — curlo,

Della Rocca, Munro, Terquino —

Heavy, Nelson, Crino (Sabbatini)

75th) Ristovski (In), sub In-

cantalupo 35th), Gillan, McGuin-

ness.

FRANKSTON: Whiteside — Par-

ton, McCuskey, 12-10, Vail — Bu-

chman (Lucas 7th), Cooper, Webb

— Well, Adams, Young (In), sub

Cullen half time).

The first half was a disaster

for Frankston which went out

fully aware of Juventus's

bite up front and determined

not to let the Black and Whites

settle.

After five minutes Juve

went one up when George

Gillan scored from a first-time

shot after a three man inter-

passing move.

The rot set in when Frank-

ston keeper Billy Whiteside

threw the ball to Danny

McCluskey who slipped, allow-

ing Bobby McGuinness to nip

in and nearly chip the stranded

Whiteside.

Frankston midfielder Dave

Cooper worked his heart out,

doing the bulk of the running

and ball-winning in midfield.

When Sean Parton crashed a

scrambled clearance high into

the roof of the net to make it

2-1 the Baysiders were in with

a show.

That show ended when the

packed Frankston defence

allowed Gillan to score his

second into the six yard box

after a short corner from the

left.

McGuinness killed off any

hope that Frankston had when

he latched onto a Tony Heery

cross after Fabio Incantulupo

had missed latching onto the

ball.

## TEAM OF THE WEEK

SCHOLTEN

(S)

ADAMS GLYKHALAMOS KOKOSKA CRILLY  
(C) (WS) (C) (GG)

DOORNENBAL COOPER WATTERS CASTIELLO  
(Croy) (F) (A) (GC)

McGUINNESS KENT  
(J) (H)

## Crilly curbs Cullen

ALTONA v MAKEDONIA 0.

ALTONA: Denys 7 — Smart 7, Patten 8, Dunne 6, Crilly 8 — Bennett 6, Bennis 7, Vasallo 6, Vojtek 7 — Segi 6, Morrey 6.

MAKEDONIA: Kestner 7 — Petrovski 7, Hufham 7, Flavell 7, Beach 7 — Rainey 8, Leabirel 7, C. Lucchesi 7 — Cullen 6, McMillan 7, Ward 5.

Altona set out to contain Makedonia, especially its forward trio, and hoped perhaps to win with a breakaway.

Steve Crilly did an excellent job in marking dangerous winger Rob Cullen and with Cullen shackled, George McMillan and Gary Ward had to work harder to get through. McMillan did so, to his credit, but Ward didn't.

Makedonia was the more dangerous team nevertheless, due to the attacking thrusts of Mike Rainey, Claude Lucchesi and Lube Petrovski, but most of these thrusts were broken up by John Patten in the middle of the Altona defence.

But scoring chances were scarce at both ends.

In the 35th minute, a Rainey cross that went very close to the bar was tapped over by goalkeeper Lou Denys. It was the most dangerous move to that stage.

Then came a brilliant run by Lucchesi who played a one-two with Cullen before passing square for a shot by McMillan but Grant Smart blocked.

At the other end, a through ball from Bill Vojtek sent Bill Morrey away. Andy Segi ran parallel with Morrey, prepared for the square pass and a likely goal, but Morrey hesitated and wasted one of the few opportunities Altona had.

Cullen had his only chance of the game when he ran clear after Jimmy Dunne had lost the ball. Cullen was set to score but Crilly pushed him down from behind. It earned him the yellow card but prevented a goal.

Battling George McMillan set Petrovski for a shot but it went wide and then Crilly cleared a Ward header off the line.

Ward had another chance when he latched onto a one-handed punch-out by denys but he blasted over the top.

The only other chance of the game was a header by Segi which landed on top of the net.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## KIRI NOW \$3000

Disgruntled Hellas youngster Kiri Kyriakoulas has had another setback in his plans to transfer to J.U.S.T.

The VSF Appeals Board ruled that Kyriakoulas's fee be set at \$3,000 which is \$2,500 more than the previous fee set down by the tribunal.

Hellas has appealed against the previous \$500 amount.

Allan Maher  
Marconi  
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SLAVIA: Pughase 8 — N. Haupt 9, Lawson 8, Houston 8, Pys 7 — Brindis 7, Whiteside 8, Cullen 7 — McGorian 8, Lucchesi 6 (sub Griffiths 70th), Ward 6 (sub Cooke 70th).

SUBURBS: Mitandis 7 — Kypridis 6, Jaworski 6, Glykhalamos 9, N. Christodoulas 6 — Greenham 8, John Daperis 8 (sub Petaskos 74th), Jim Daperis 5, Kupitz 6 — Carr 5, Kypridis 5.

Slavia looked jinxed for 80 minutes as a chance after chance went astray.

When Slavia keeper Elvio Pugliese miss-hit a goal kick in the 73rd minute it looked as if the anti-Slavia phantoms that haunt the dark, empty spaces of the Showgrounds again had arisen to cast their evil spell against the last-placed team in the State League.

Slavia had shown more determination, more co-ordination and more organisation than its opponents throughout the game and after a dozen scoring chances had gone begging Pugliese's goalkick now lay at the feet of Suburbs striker Steve Carr.

To cap off a dismal day for the former Hellas striker Carr pushed the ball to Kit Greechan in an off-side position instead of tucking it away.

Indeed, the 'instead of' syndrome was at the heart of Slavia's bedevilled performance throughout.

Instead of latching onto John Cullen's cut-backs with Suburbs defenders panicking, Slavia somehow allowed its opponents to clear.

Instead of scoring Cullen was not able to get his shot on target from 10 yards out.

Instead of tapping home from four yards with Suburbs

keeper Alex Mitandis stranded, Slavia's new signing from Juventus, John Lucchesi, could only miss-hit the ball fractionally past the near post.

When central defender Liam Houston was brought down inside the area and a penalty awarded it looked as if we would all be saying that the penalty taker, Mick McGorian missed his attempt instead of.

But McGorian made no mistake and a thoroughly deserved Slavia victory opened its winning account in the league.

ALTONA v SUNSHINE 0

ALTONA: von der Poel — Lawrie, Cullen, Murray, Wilson — Watters, Kelly, J. Little (sub Innes 70th) — Craw, Whyte, Moyland.

SUNSHINE: Scholten — Singleton, Ellis, Mussel, Donalson — Laing, Scarlett, Morovic (sub R. Nelson 55th) — Mudrinic, Pocock, McRobert (sub McElroy 55th).

John Scholten returned to senior State League soccer and gave a fine display of goalkeeping for the shiners.

His handling in the air was good, he attacked the ball well and his calling marshalled the Sunshine defence.

Sunshine failed to win a corner throughout the match and both defences stayed fairly tight.

Altona was more adventurous in the first half and Sunshine looked to have the chance of the break, catching the home team too far up.

However the Shiners best chance fell in the second half to Jim McRobert who played up front, relinquishing his left back role.

Will Laing crossed and McRobert headed high after nipping in on the blind side of the Altona defence.

Perhaps Scholten's most important save occurred in the 75th minute when Altona's Kevin Kelly latched onto a scrambled clearance and shot but could not pass the in-form Sunshine keeper.

Sunshine did well to grab a point after making seven changes to the side from the previous game.

CROYDON 0 CROATIA 0

CROYDON: Keogh — McKinley, McCombe, Pongho, Murphy — Brown, Blackley (sub Brown 65th), Doornenbal, Howarth — Smith, Wylie.

CROATIA: Blasby — Short (In, sub Klein half time), Kokoska, Gerdner, Bilever, Trent, Adams, Andrews — Murphy, Gilder, Mitten.

In an entertaining game at Croydon Park the home team matched Croatia's skills with tremendous spirit.

Pushing men wide is essential on the tight, narrow Croydon ground.

Croatia had Ken Murphy wide on the right and Noel Mitten on the left.

Croydon used Duncan Smith as central striker and his clash with Croatia player-coach John Gardner was a tremendously hard physical encounter that became fairly ferocious at times.

It took Croydon 38 minutes to get a shot on target while Croatia had six reasonable chances within that period.

Shots by Carl Gilder and Howard Andrews and a header by Mitten could all have opened the scoring.

In the 44th minute Croatia came close when Keith Adams sent Mitten on his way.

The former Irish youth international beat Croydon's

cracked a hard shot from the left in off the far post with Cross keeper Hugh Graham having no chance.

Graham figured prominently in two curious decisions in the second half.

Ged Bannon seemed to be brought down by the Cross keeper but referee Brennan did not see it that way.

Mike Loh got into a one-on-one situation with Graham later in the half and seemed to be dragged down but again the decision did not go Hakoah's way.

George Cross showed a lot of heart and much more method than previously and its first equaliser came after Hakoah was caught slightly offfield and Tony Castiello played a one-two with Jim Papas before breaking through on the right and slipping the ball past helpless Hakoah keeper Mike O'Hara.

Hakoah again hit the front in the second half when Graham French charged in and headed home a cross from Mike Loh.

When Cross drew level through Tony Cowan, it looked as if the match was destined for a draw.

Kent didn't think so and after picking up the ball from a throw-in he headed off across the Cross penalty area before firing a fierce drive that Graham could only parry and the incoming Bill Jordanou headed the decisive goal.

JUVENTUS 4 (McGuinness 2, Gillan 2)

FRANKSTON 2 (Parton, Adams)

McGuinness killed off any hope that Frankston had when he latched onto a Tony Heery cross after Fabio Incantulupo had missed latching onto the

ball.



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# YOUTH REPORT

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# COCA-COLA BOTTLERS



LEIF JENSEN

The article you will be reading for the next two or three weeks, was sent to me in 1977. You will remember a great deal was written at that time about competition soccer for very young boys and, as someone wrote to me, "enough was enough" for the time being.

Fortunately the JLMC realised that a de-emphasising of competition was the answer for the age groups up to Under-11's, and duly introduced what is now known here in Victoria as sub-junior soccer.

However it would appear that we still have a few people left with a "head in the sand" mentality, and I have been told these officials are still working against this system with their own little league ladders, complete with points and goals, so I thought that maybe it was time for a reminder as to why sub-junior soccer was started here in Victoria.

Mr. Walter F. Pless, the author of the 1977 article, holds the ASF Senior coaching badge, so he certainly has the authority to publish his opinion, and I know that you will be as impressed with his article as I was.

On most Saturday mornings during the winter, about 1500 primary school boys play organised soccer in the greater Hobart area. The fact that so many are playing is a credit to the organisers of primary school soccer, to the team coaches, to the parents, to the schools represented, and to the boys themselves. Given such a high level of involvement in the game, it may be time to examine closely the direction in which primary school soccer is heading, and to ask whether there is a need to change its direction.

To determine the need for change, a number of questions must be asked. These questions may be relevant to other sports in which primary school children take part.

For example, is there the appropriate amount of organisation? Are all the boys who wish to play soccer able to do so? Are boys enjoying the game? Are they improving their skills? Are all boys achieving a certain level of success in the game?

It is difficult to come up with affirmative answers. Yet these questions concern the very organisation of primary

school soccer, the type of coaching that is being carried out, and even the format of the game as played at the primary school level, namely, eleven-a-side soccer in conformity with international rules.

Initially, this soccer had to be well organised. It was a new sport at primary school level and it was offered only out of school hours. In order to attract players there had to be smooth operation. It had to offer something that other sports couldn't offer.

The success of this policy is clearly illustrated by the large number of boys now playing the game. This makes it exceedingly important to decide now whether this high level of organisation should be maintained, or whether it is beginning to be counter-productive.

## WATT? ASK JANKOVICS

Mark Jankovics has had a tough time since returning to top form a few weeks ago.



David Watt

## Hat-trick heroes

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This week's hat-trick heroes: Michael Johnson, 13, six goals (Warrnambool City); Noel Kelson, 14, six goals (West United); Patrick Dearing, 14, four goals (West United); Chris Wakefield, 10, four goals (Knox United); Ross McLaren, 14, (Perth); Craig Paton, 10 (Clayton); Ezio Melchior, 13 (Green Gully); Nigel DeSouza, 13 (Ardeer); Emil Geyer, 15 (Broadmeadows); Edward Duncan, 12 (Mooroolbark); Oscar Alarcon, 15 (Mitcham Utd); David Azopardi, 13 (Moreland); Jimmy Milson, 11, four goals (Clarinda); Dajan Dine, 12 (Nunawading Utd); Simon Critchley, 8, four goals (Kingsford); G. Sparks, 11, seven goals, M. Saliba, 12, four goals, D. Bartlett, 12 (Broadmeadows); Cam Heath,

Ashley Bullock, 8 (Knox); Emilio Amaxatidis, 10 (Brunswick); Quinten Shepherd, 10, five goals (Baxter); Warren Spink, 13, five goals (Doveton); Chris Siemon, 12, David Moizna, 8, Brett Bakker, 8 (Ferntree Gully); Nasha Godeli, 10, four goals (Dandenong); Mark Unterahrer, 10, Warren Brown, 11, Andrew Bedford, 11 (Mooroolbark); Chris Tsoroula, 13, four goals (Malvern C); Robert Smith, 13, four goals (Frankston Pines); T. Goldie, 13, five goals, G. Welsh, 13, five goals (Churchill); Charlie Charalabous, 11 (George Cross); Johnny Anastasiadis, 11 (Meadow Park); Dallas Jolner, 12 (St. Theresa's); Tony Calle, 12, four goals (Essendon Croatia); Roland Wams, 10 (Doveton); Paul Cybula, 10 (Swan Hill); Doug Hodgson, 11, four goals (Frankston Pines); Stewart McGill, 14, Alan Borg, 14, Paul Galea, 11, four goals, Jesmond Borg, 11, Jamie Melrose, 8, six goals (Albion Rovers); Darren Gale, 7, six goals (Unaderra College); Cameron McLean, 7 (Sandringham); John Sedgewick, 9 (Springvale); Matthew Pili, 9 (Nunawading C.); Simon Tallack, 8, Jeremy Blaney, 8, Jason Rennie, 8, four goals (Eltham); Chris Jansen, 8, Darren Bedford, 8, (Mooroolbark); Marcus Posche, 13, six goals, Robert Ollerook, 11, Darren Hurt, 9, (Boroona); Troy Sandstrom, 7 (Macquarie Fields Utd); Mark Fainley, 10 (Ringwood C); Richard Cullitt, 14, four goals (Croydon); Alistair Dickinson, 11 (Croydon); Peter Petrakos, 12, (5th Melb Hellas); Richard Wallis, 12, four goals (Prahran); Steve Svanagovic, 11 (Dandenong); Naser Eminovski, 12 (Coburg); Oliver Klotz, 15 (Gresborough).

After scoring for Marconi in its 1-1 draw with league leader Heidelberg and for Australia in its 2-1 defeat of AC Milan, Jankovics has been branded a danger man.

In Marconi's 0-3 loss to South Melbourne Hellas he was given a torrid time by Arthur Xanthopoulos.

He thought it would be a little easier in Soccer training games last week. After all, their opponents were "only" the Australian Youth players. But straight away Jankovics found it difficult to do the things he wanted to do. This big, tough kid kept chasing him around.

The kid's name is David Watt, a 16-year-old sixth-former from Carlingford High.

Watt had been given the job of marking Jankovics and he did that job very well, even though he did make one mistake which enabled Jankovics to get away and deliver the pass that resulted in the Soccer's only goal in their 1-0 victory over the kids.

New Watt joins Steve Blair (Vic) and Craig McLatchey (WA) as a leading contender for a centre-back position in the Australian team that will contest the Coca-Cola world youth championships here next year.

The youth team's line-up in that training game against the Socceros was: Ahern (Q); Skeen (NSW); Blair (Vic); McLatchey (Q); Lynch (WA) — Colusso (NSW); Watt (NSW); Patikas (NSW); Kay (NSW) — Daunt (Q); Mitchell (SA).

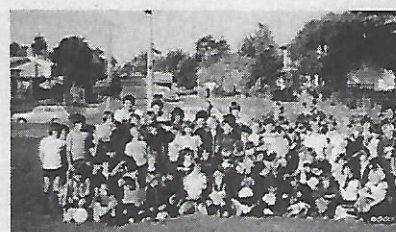
Peter Raskopoulos (Marconi) was mysteriously absent from the training camp and Vlatko Belic (Vic) and Ian Hunter (NSW) had not yet arrived due to study commitments.

The youth team played extremely well, whereas it had not been impressive the previous day, losing 0-3 to the Socceros B team.

Watt was probably the best player in the NSW team which won the national youth championship in Canberra two weeks ago. It was after that tournament that national coach Rudi Gutendorf included the big defender in the 17-man squad for the curtain-raiser to the England v. Australia game



• The under 9s of Green Gully Ajax — future stars of the State League? Standing from left: Viv Derry (coach), Steve Galdes, Jason Schwab, Ante Maric, Mark Brani, Paul Brkijacic, John Huygon, Marko Modric (manager). Front: Frank Borg, Adrian Denys, Mark Grimaud, Tony Gauci, Jesmond Muscat. Missing: Jason Turak, Phillips Lee, Vince Mangion, Cahrio Schombri.



• The O and K Soccer Clinics, run by Peter Ollerton and John Kennedy, attracted many children in the first week of the school holidays. A group of them is pictured. The clinics were at Esther Park, Mooroolbark's home ground. Players who helped out as guest coaches included Harry McKinlay (Croydon), Chris Kent (Hakoeh) and Uli Pfisterer (ex-Juventus).

## Croydon gets expert help

Victorian Director of Coaching Len McKendry was the latest guest speaker in a progressive programme run by Croydon City.

Under the programme,

Croydon's junior coaching director Ken Kontra invites experts to talk to meetings of parents and coaches.

Brian Nettlefold of Melbourne University recently spoke on the ideal junior coach and Dr Brian Young will speak about the medical aspects of junior coaching next month.

In July, former Olympic sprinter Roy Sandstrom will talk about the importance of running speed in soccer.

## Goalkeeper sought

Undeafed Springvale City (Vic) under 18s are looking for a goalkeeper.

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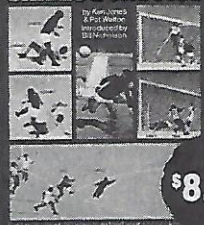
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Brandswood	5	4	1	0	11	8	Brandswood	5	3	2
Thornhill	5	3	2	0	23	3	Thornhill	5	3	2
Green Gully	5	4	0	1	18	3	Green Gully	5	4	0
Wendouree	5	3	2	0	12	8	Wendouree	5	3	2
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Green Gully	5	1	0	4	22	2	Green Gully	5	1	0
Wendouree	4	1	1	2	13	7	Wendouree	4	1	1
Thornhill	5	0	1	4	27	1	Thornhill	5	0	1
Kew Park Rang	4	0	4	0	1	38	Kew Park Rang	4	0	4

UNDER 12 WESTERN 'A'										
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Wendouree	4	3	0	1	10	3	Wendouree	4	3	0
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## YOUNG TRIO FORETELLS SUCCESS

The soccer youth of Australia is rising with a rapidity that foretells of future success.

South Melbourne Hellas is fortunate to have three rising national team stars in its ranks in Steve Blair, George Christopoulos and Alan Davidson.

Blair joined Hellas from Metropolitan first division club Albion Rovers and is being groomed to take on the world's best as stopper in Australia's youth team in the 1981 Coca Cola World Youth Cup finals.

Christopoulos joined Hellas from Metropolitan division three club Coburg and he features prominently in Rudi Gutendorf's plans for the 1982 World Cup finals.

Davidson joined Hellas from State League club Altona and like Christopoulos is a fully fledged senior international.

All three are an inspiration to Australia's soccer youth and could be the forerunners for many successful young boys.

## Champs from the North

The Northern Region team which won the 1980 Victorian regional championship.

Back row left to right: Joe Galic, Frank Sabotino, Michael Tadinac, Michael Tenna, Ivo Kelic, David Rogerson, George Jacenovic, Jack Bacal, Luigi Velardi, John Ramcjak (coach). Front Row: Fausto De Anicis, Michael

Briano, Michael Constantino, Silvio Ramjak, Tony Kolcag, Antony Grbac, Angelo Caluto, Paul Borin.

The Northern Region team dropped only one point throughout the championship series.

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Adelaide City guest player Justin Fashanu shakes hands with the then Victorian Soccer Federation president Theo Marmaras before taking the field for Norwich City against Victoria last year.

## FASHANU SURE TO GLAMOURISE PSL

By PAUL MOON

Adelaide City's acquisition of guest player Justin Fashanu has given PSL fans the opportunity to witness the skills of one of the most exciting young stars of English soccer.

Born in London, Fashanu was adopted by a clergyman and brought up in Norfolk. Showing prowess as an all-round sportsman, he was a semi finalist in the English Schoolboys' Amateur Boxing Championship before concentrating on soccer.

England's leading boxing promoter, Mickey Duff, recently offered him a contract to box professionally. Duff was quoted as saying that Fashanu had the potential to eventually become a World Heavyweight Championship contender.

John Bond, the manager of Fashanu's club Norwich City, quickly quashed Fashanu's pugilistic come-back.

The solidly built negro first came to the attention of English football fans on 13 January 1979 when making his first division debut for Norwich City against league leaders West Bromwich Albion. Fashanu played impressively as his team snatched a surprise draw.

Four days later he made his first appearance for England's youth team and played a significant role in a 4-0 victory.

In total the young striker played 16 times for Norwich during the 1978-79 campaign, scoring 5 goals.

His emergence as a striker of exceptional

ability was confirmed in the opening weeks of the following season, which saw Fashanu's brilliance spearhead modest Norwich's challenge as first division pace setters. Naturally he soon gained special attention from the first division's ultra-professional defences and the stream of goals ebbed, but never dried up completely.

National recognition inevitably followed and Fashanu is now an integral part of the England Under-21 squad.

Strong and aggressive, but possessing intricate skills, Fashanu has the ability to conjure goals from the most unlikely situations.

Potentially one of the great names of European soccer in the 1980's, Fashanu is likely to leave the unfashionable "Canaries" in the near future. A transfer fee of \$800,000 has been mooted.

Apart from inexperience, Fashanu's major flaw is his habit of "disappearing" from games in which he seems to lose interest.

If Raie Rasic can motivate his guest sufficiently Adelaide City supporters can expect to see some dynamic performances during the black strikers' brief stay in South Australia.

## Bears go to top

Weston Bears have taken the lead in the Northern N.S.W. Federation's State League premiership.

The team moved from third place to the top spot when, despite a strong challenge from the much improved Armidale team, it went to win 4-2 in the match at Weston last Saturday.

The Bears were helped to the top-of-the-table position by the inability of the strong Edgeworth Eagles to do more than share points in a 1-1 draw with Wallend at the Crystal Palace Ground in Wallend.

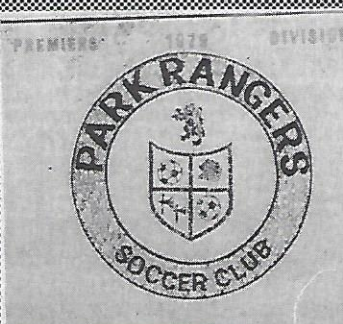
This was the second successive 1-1 draw for the Eagles who, in recent seasons, have been a decided top dog in Northern Soccer. It shared second place on the points score table with the Bears before the weekend. The two were then a point behind Tamworth City which was sur-

prisingly defeated by the much improved Adamstown Rosebud 2-1, on the Tamworth playing pitch.

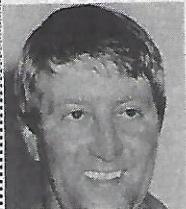
Adamstown Rosebud gained his striking success a week after holding Edgeworth Eagles to a 1-1 draw and so emerges as something of a giant-killer in the competition.

Wallend's draw with the Eagles takes it from fifth to fourth place which it shares with Stewarts and Lloyds, a 5-1 winner against Clarence Valley, the Grafton-based team which had been tipped a few weeks ago as a likely winner of the competition's prize of \$10,000.

The Clarence Valley side has not played as well away from its home ground. It has dropped from top place to sixth in three successive matches.



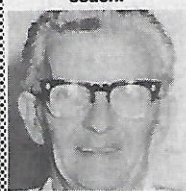
The plaque commemorating Park Rangers 1979 Third Division Championship.



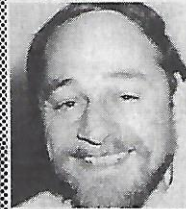
Hugh Murney club coach.



Joe Docherty, team manager.



David Thompson, club masseur.



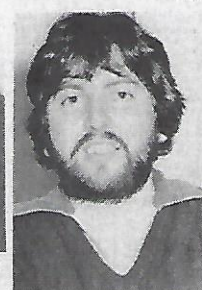
Bil Wright, Reserve team coach.



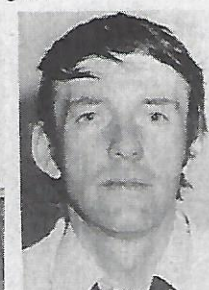
John Patterson, club secretary.

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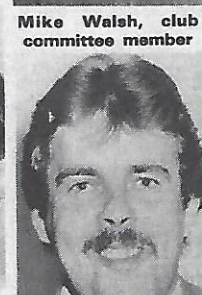
The Honours Roll of the modern day Park Rangers.



Mike Walsh, club committee member.



Jim Allen, club committee member.



Mike Beatty, junior committee member.



Neil Robertson, public relations officer.



Ex-Croatia winger Terry Hargreaves looking to set up another forward thrust from his midfield role with Park Rangers.



The PROTECTA dug out in operation at a recent Park Rangers game.

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## Kaltz the big draw

The outstanding player at Hamburg recently has been not Keegan or Kaltz, but 6 ft. 2 in. striker Hort Hrubesch.

Built like a heavyweight and deadly in the air, Hrubesch had at last scored, scored 16 goals in 25 Bundesliga matches.

Just turned 29 and nicknamed "Der Ungeheuer" (the monster), Hrubesch joined Hamburg from Rot-Weiss Essen two years ago and is in line for his first A cap, after having played a few B internationals.

Hamburg meanwhile has already found replacements for Kevin Keegan who will join Southampton.

The club has signed international defender Juergen Grob, 23 from Kaiserslautern and the B international Werner Dressel, 21 (ex-Werder Bremen).

Grob cost \$500,000 and Dressel \$250,000.

Meanwhile, Hamburg captain Peter Nogly, 33, and Kaiserslautern striker Klaus Toppmoller, 28, are off to the North American league, Nogly to join Edmonton Strikers and Toppmoller to join Dallas Tornados for a \$500,000 trans-

## Park Rangers protect the soccer clubs

**Park Rangers have taken an ambitious step forward in endorsing a revolutionary dug out and acting as marketing agents for the product.**

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Demonstrations are available on Tuesday and Thursday at Park Rangers clubrooms.



# PARK RANGERS PROVE THAT THEY CAN GET TO THE TOP



Park Rangers Soccer Club began its existence as South Melbourne Juniors about 1942 and had considerable success in the junior ranks just after the war by winning the Under - 19 League Championship in 1944 and 1945 as South Melbourne Juniors and in 1946 and 1947 as Park Rangers Soccer Club. The club also won the Junior Cup in 1942, '43, '44 and '45 and 1946 and '47 as Park Rangers.

The reason for the club changing its name in 1946 was to enable it to enter senior football, as the junior players began to outgrow their junior ranks and there was no senior team for these players to graduate to.

The first club president in 1946 was Mr. E. Bailey and the first secretary was Mr. Alec Mackie.

Initially Park Rangers were fairly successful as in their first year of senior football they won the Division Two South League and were runners up to Sunshine Soccer Club in the Second Division Cup being beaten 2-1 in the final after extra time. The club also reached the semi-final of the Dockerty Cup.

Promoted to Division One after only one year, 1947 saw a change in the administration of the club.

Mr. Bailey remained president, Mr. Les Hurst became chairman. Mr. R. J. (Titch) Thorpe was appointed coach and Mr. Jock Stephen became secretary.

Another successful year ensued with Park Rangers finishing runners-up to Moreland Soccer Club on the First Division and reaching the final of the Dockerty Cup only to be beaten 2-1 by South Yarra.

In 1948 and 1949 Park Rangers won the Dockerty Cup and on both occasions their opponents were South Yarra. In 1948 the scoreline ended 4-3 after Park Rangers had been 2-0 down at half time.

Jock Mackie, who played right back in the 1949 Dockerty Cup Final at the ripe old age of 22, had the distinction of having played in a cup final for the club, junior and senior, every year since 1942.

The influence of the Juniors during these years can be seen from the ages of the players in the 1949 side which averaged 22 with Stan Gillis on the left wing being the oldest player in the side at 28 years of age.

In the first three years of the club's existence there were 11 players in

the club who represented Victoria.

In 1948 Mr. Gini was elected president of the club after the retirement of Mr. E. Bailey.

1949 was another successful year, for as well as winning the Dockerty Cup the club finished second in the First Division to Brighton Soccer Club which was undefeated in the league.

After 1949 the club's fortunes began to wane and although the Reserve Team won the championship in 1950, the senior team could only finish third bottom in the First Division.

This was to be the story for the next three years with the club languishing near the bottom of the league until 1953 when it was relegated to Division Two.

The team which won the Division One Championship in that year was Juventus Soccer Club which went on to win the championship for five consecutive seasons.

It was migrant teams like Juventus, J.U.S.T., Polonia, Wilhelmina, George Cross etc. which were all founded in the late 40's or very early 50's, which hastened the decline of Park Rangers.

These teams were formed by Eastern European migrants who came to this country immediately after the war bringing a different style of soccer and a more professional outlook on the game.

After two mediocre seasons in the Second Division, Park Rangers were again relegated in 1956 to the Third Division after finishing bottom of the league with only 6 points.

Much of the Park Rangers history between 1958 and 1967 is sketchy, except that in 1963 they

won the Third Division South but due to a re-organisation of the Divisions they were not promoted.

In 1968 they were relegated from the Second Division to the Third and almost folded when players left the club at an alarming rate.

However the club recruited well during the off-season and fielded a strong side which over the next four seasons only missed out on promotion by no more than 2 points.

The players recruited over that period have formed the nucleus of the side ever since and most remain to this day on the committee of the club.

In 1977 a minor crisis occurred when the club was unlucky to be relegated once again, this time to Division Four.

Half way through 1977 Hugh Murney joined the club as coach and although he was unable to stop the slide that year, big changes took place and the club had an outstanding season in 1978 and jumped straight back to Division Three losing only one game all season and scoring 75 goals with 15 against in finishing second to Fawkner.

Season 1979 was even better and Rangers won the Third Division at the first attempt, proving themselves the best team in the league by not dropping a point in their first 12 games.

So Park Rangers go into season 1980 in the Second Division after an absence of exactly 10 years.

This season will be big in every way because after 35 years at Middle Park the club is moving to a new ground at Stradbroke Park Kew.

Park Rangers have built a name for themselves as an attractive, Metropolitan Leagues in the past two years.

Back Row, left to right: Joe Docherty, Fred Scott, Billy Ashton, Paul Vassillou, Frank McLeod, Tommy Spalding, Gerry Lee, Hugh Murney. Front Row: David Brown, Robin Parsons, Terry Hargreaves, Alby McCormack, Gordon Sutherland, Bully Doggett, Paddy McElhinney.

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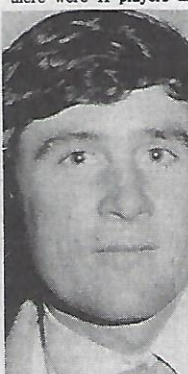
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Susret J.U.S.T. — APIA je iznenadno otkazan na zahtev gostiju iz Sidneja, koji su dali dva igrača za reprezentaciju. "Plavima" je ovaj odmor dobro dosao, jer bi igrali bez Rujevica i Kondarisa, koji se nisu potpuno oporavili od povreda. U međuvremenu je stigao novi igrač iz Jugoslavije Ivan Zafra, koji treba da pojača navalu. Igrač je niz godina u istom klubu sa Slobodanom Jovanovicem, koji se odlično snasao u novoj sredini i pomogao "plavima" da se izvuku sa dna tabele.  
Iduću utakmicu u glavnom gradu Australije JUST će igrati kompletan i odmoran. Taj susret je prekretnica, jer je "plavima" neophodna pobjeda posle dva uzastopna poraza. Najvjacki autobus iz Melburna pokušava da pomogne igraču JUST-a navijanjem, što je vazan faktor na Bruce stadionu, koji zna da eksplodira kao vulkan.

## EN EL ROYAL PARK FIESTA DEL FUTBOL GAUCHOS VS. CHAVALS

## Punto de Vista de un Milan y una Milanesa

Llegamos temprano a un estadio silencioso. Debe haber poca gente pensamos, mientras tanteabamos orgullosamente la credencial de SOCCER ACTION. Por primera vez íbamos a cubrir una información internacional, en serio, era como empezar otra vez. Y lo fue, pero al revés, como para confundirnos de que esta Australia, rubia y linda, no tiene nada que ver y la mayoría de los que en ella viven, lamentablemente tampoco.

El estadio estaba lleno, lo que pasa es que todos los que estaban allí, habían llegado como si en vez de ir a ver al Gran Milan, hubieran ido al otro part-time. Callados, con cara de amargura y sin nada que decirse. Nunca en mi vida vi 18 mil personas en un partido de futbol, tan calladas, pero estuvieron siempre igual. Solo gritaron y abuchearon cuando el pobre Cummings del Croacia salió lesionado seriamente, y como nadie entendía nada, cuando llegó la camilla en vez de lamentarse, abuchearon, por otra parte en todo el partido se aplaudió a destiempo, y cuando alguno hacía algo que valía nadie le daba importancia. Una experiencia alucinante y que demuestra porque a pesar de 100 años de futbol en este país no pasa absolutamente nada. Por lo menos habría 10 mil italianos, pero, perdonen, 9 mil era la primera vez que iban a ver un partido de futbol en su vida. Me entiendo...???

La otra sorpresa la constituye el palco de periodistas. Iba soñando, pensaba en grabadores, empujones, sacar el equipo primero, declaraciones exclusivas, pelearse un poco con los porteros, en fin PERIODISMO DE VERDAD. Atajase. En el palco de PRIODISTAS había como 30 señores todos gordos con cara de ser dueños de la tienda "LA FLOR DEL BARRIO", solo les faltaba el metro de hule colga ndoles del cuello, y ofrecer camisetas de frisa. Todos eran de PRENSA ETNICA, es decir semanarios WOGIES. Pero ninguno tenía ni siquiera un papel, ni un lapiz, NO HABIA UN SOLO GRABADOR. Yo los mire y me dio vergüenza, pensando que yo era el unico que fui a hacer espanto y que ellos eran unos fenomenos que tendrían computadoras directas con los diarios, PERO NO. Esos eran todos de diarios étnicos, si, PERO AL IGUAL QUE LOS MUCHO QUE CONOCEMOS NO ESCRIBEN NADA NI PARA NADIE. Lo que realmente fueron a hacer, fue a ver el partido, GARRON, DE UPA, DE GORRA, DE ARRIBA. De los diarios Australianos, PEOR. Solo THE AGE saco algo, el resto IGNORO LA VENIDA DEL MILAN. Al final, solo en el vestuario de los Italianos trabaja mas comodo que en la District League. Reportajes, fotos, notas y todo que me hubiera valido por lo menos un BIEN PIBE...ESTUVISTES UN FENOMENO. Aquí, como estamos en la tierra rubia y del juego incomprensible, nadie me dijo NADA, PORQUE CUANDO FUI A ENTREGAR EL MATERIAL, SINTI= ENDOME un heroe, me dijeron...HEEE TOO MUCH... Y JAMAS LO PUBLICARON NI PUBLICARAN.

Del partido hablamos en cualquier momento, posiblemente alla en nuestros pagos, cuando alguna vez nos acordemos que en la decada del 70 supimos subsistir por estos lares.



## PELIGRO DE GOOOOLL — Oscar Perea

### DRAMATICO EMPATE — 2-2

En un partido que sin duda fue diferente en cada tiempo LOS MOROCHOS empatan dramáticamente despues de estar ganando y jugando MUY BIEN durante el primer tiempo, **HOTHAM UNITED; ROSAS-ANDERSON-JARA-TILO-FLORES-CRISTICH-LEIVA-RUBIO-CARDONE** (Salió lesionado entro CASTRO)-PAREDES-LOPEZ. Desde el comienzo de planteo un juego veloz, fuerte y de toque. Varias situaciones de gol para LOS MOROCHOS marcaron el ritmo del primer tiempo. GOLAZOS, el primero de CHICHO LOPEZ que termina con elegancia y fuerza una jugada de toda la delantera. El segundo, para el aplauso CANONERO CARDONE, entre dos hombres baja la pelota en el area chica, y concreta un gol hermoso. Para aplaudirlo. Los escoceses del HAWTHORN RANGERS, seguan en la de ellos, tocar en velocidad y tirar al arco desde cualquier lado. Así se llegó al segundo tiempo con un 2 a 0. Pero ahí el diablo mete la cola. Cardone sale lesionado y los dos hombres que lo marcaban ya se hacen uno solo, y el medio campo escocés recibe el auxilio de otro hombre y a lli comienza a perder fuerza el equipo Chileno. El cansancio se hace sentir y los rubios del RANGERS, al cansancio como si recién empezaran. Dos grandes jugadas de la delantera visitante y empate, FINAL DE AGUSTIA, para LOS MOROCHOS QUE SE DESCONCIERTAN y a pesar de pelear no pueden ganar este partido que era de ellos. No obstante debemos destacar que este equipo esta para mucho mas, y es cosa de llegar al ritmo de equipo. **ALLENTE A LOS MOROCHOS DEL CHILE CLUB...ELLOS SON ESPECTACULO, COMUECRA.**

**PROXIMA FECHA SABADO 7 de junio. VISITAS EN MELTON..... DOMINGO 8 de junio- WEST BRUNSWICK locatarios frente al ASCOT UNITED, fuerte equipo italiano. Y como todos los años llega el clasico del futbol hispanico, Separados por solo 2 puntos, el WEST MELBOURNE ser local frente al BURNLEY S.C. — Argentinos y Espanoles nuevamente en un duelo QUE UD. NO DEBE PERDERSE, ROYAL PARK**



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**JUNIORI**  
Juniori JUST-a su imali uspesnu nedelju. Postigli su cetiri pobjede posle dopadljive igre na svim utakmicama. Ispod 12 godina: JUST — Brunswick City 1:0 (1:0). Jedini gol je postigao Peter Grmusa u 18. minutu. Ispod 13 godina: JUST — Brunswick City 1:0 (1:0). Jedini gol je postigao Peter Grmusa u 18. minutu. Ispod 14 godina: JUST — Maidstone/Dinamo 8:0 (4:0). Strelci: Jason Buzo 3, VESO Kovacevic 2, Janos Volf, Miguel Ferrer i Dominis Forance.

Ispod 14 godina: J.U.S.T. — WEST UNITED 4:0 (1:0). Strelci: Zoran Pasoski 2, Roman Filipovic i Ljuba Barjaktarevic po jedan. Poslednji put u ovoj sezoni su igrali braca Radovan i Ljuba Barjaktarevic, koji odlaze u tromesečnu posetu dedi, baki i rođacima u Jugoslaviju. Bez njih ce "plavima" biti tesko da nastave put bez poraza.

Ispod 16 godina: ALBION ROVERS — J.U.S.T. 2:3 (1:3). Strelci: Jorgo Gagic, Manuel Perdut i Zedro Sbitos.



A large crowd enjoyed the first night game played at Ross Reserve, Springvale last Wednesday. Footscray J.U.S.T. Philips League team defeated former JUST players 2-1. The veterans were helped by a few young players and Ibro Hadziabdic (far-Groatie star). Goalscorers: Zoran Iliosi and Bruno Cozzella for JUST, Ibro Hadziabdic for veterans.

Standing (left to right): Dragan Vasic, Igor Hazabent, Slobodan Zoreja, Frank Micic, Andrew Kazi, Milan Cvijic, Jimmy Milisavjevic, linesman Rodja Sillar, Jim O'Reilly, referee Veljko Mirceta, Vlatko Belic, Denis Boland, Peter Ollerton and Tom Sranovic.

Kneeling: Jovan Milinov, Slobodan Jovanovic, Slobodan Lukic, Jim Kriaris, Zoran Iliosi, Vero Mladenovic, Josip Picicane, Bruno Cozzella, Chris Petrov and Miodrag Velickovic. Not in the picture (all played second half): Ibro Hadziabdic, Zvonko Colovic, Marjan Lopetic, Steven Kosovac, Tim Bikicki (for veterans) and Pavle Simic and Tom Vukovic.







# SCORES, LADDERS

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## Crowds scare hell out of Hellas?

Sir — On perusing through some old editions of "Soccer Action" I noticed an interesting trend concerning South Melbourne's performances in front of large crowds since the inception of the FSL.

The following figures are taken from the relevant issues of "Soccer Action".

1977  
St. George (H) 15,000 2-3  
Hellasberg (A) 13,000 2-5  
1978  
Hellasberg (H) 16,000 1-1  
Marconi (H) 17,200 0-3  
West Adelaide (A) 10,000 1-4

As a South supporter I found these results somewhat strange to fathom. Perhaps its just an extended run of stage fright.

Yours etc. Peter Maggs, Lyndale, Vic.

## Super soccer



While the English FA Cup final attracted millions of viewers from all over the world and far from the violence which marred the Scottish F.A. Cup, a soccer match with a difference was being staged in Melbourne for the launching of a new table soccer game.

Played between attractive Val Christensen (pictured) and Greta Fahlstrom, the match was supervised by Victoria's State coach Len McKendry.

The Subbuteo game, popular in Britain and Europe for years, now has reached the Australian market.



This week's photo has been submitted by Lance Kenningham of 5 Anna Court, Lara, Vic.

It shows Altona City goalkeeper Hans van der Poel making a save in a Victorian State League match against Western Suburbs. At left is his team mate Rob Gramsberg.

The prize for the best photo of May has been won by Barry Smith of 76 Hewish Road, Croydon.

The Canon company will send him the prize — a LC4T Canon calculator. He also is in the running to win the prize for the photo of the year — a Canon AE-1 camera.

Mr Smith's entry was a four-photo composite showing Kees Doornenbaal of Croydon (Vic) scoring a goal.

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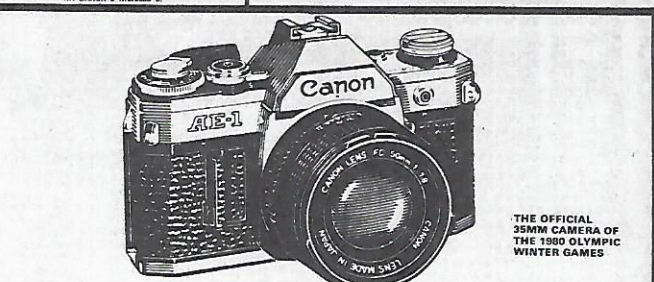
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## BELGIUM CAN DO IT: HAAN

Arie Haan, the Anderlecht and one-time Ajax midfield general, has asked to be considered for Holland's national team again.

In an interview with the English magazine "World Soccer" Haan spoke about the coming European finals, as he sees them.

Here's what he said about the finalists:

**Belgium?** — "I have good outsiders. In the last few years the national team hasn't done so well. They had a good, solid defence but no attack. But now they have some really useful forwards — Coulemans, Van den Bergh and Van der Elst. Van den Bergh has done particularly well. He only plays for a small team, Lierse, but already this season he's scored 28 goals in 28 games. He's not a typical English centre-forward. But he's clever and very skilful.

"In midfield too there are a lot of good players. Van Moer is a veteran, but he's important to the team. Ludo Coeck, my colleague at Anderlecht, is fit again. Then there's René Vandereycken, Julien Coels, René Verheyen. Even if Belgium have someone injured they will have no problem finding a replacement. They could surprise a lot of people."

**England?** — "I didn't see the game against Spain on television. But all the people who did have gone crazy about England. From the way everyone is talking you must have a great team! And Cunningham can't get a place! England obviously have a very impressive attack with Francis, Keegan and Woodcock. I'll be interested to see them in Italy."

**Spain?** — "I don't believe they have much hope of achieving anything. They can get the odd result when they need

it. But when they go to Italy it won't be enough to try and hang on for a 0-0 draw. To reach the final you have to win and that means taking the game to your opponents. I don't think Spain have the confidence."

**Italy?** — "Italy have some good players but maybe we'll have to go inside the prisons to play them! — Seriously, I admire the Italian player for his technique. But apart from Bettiga and Rossi they also have some workers in their team now, which hasn't always been the case in the past and that could be important for them. Tardelli works hard, so does Zaccarelli. And the player from Internazionale, Orioli, whom they've brought in is another good player and worker. They have to be favourites."

**West Germany?** — "I've seen them several times recently and they've impressed me very much. Different to the team we played in the World Cup in Argentina. That was an old team, on the way out. Now they have a lot of new, skilful players they look much better."

**Czechoslovakia?** — "I haven't seen them at all recently but you can never rule them out. Look at what happened in 1976!"

**Greece?** — "No problem!"

And finally, what about Holland?

"Holland are finding it harder and harder. When you have been runners-up twice in the World Cup everybody has seen you play and knows exactly what goes on. There are no secrets any more and the

pressures are always increasing.

"I think Holland can get into the final. But they will have to be playing well and they will need some luck."

"It's hard for me to talk about the team in detail because I don't see Dutch League football. I saw on television the 3-2 win over East Germany which took Holland to Italy, and I saw the recent 0-0 draw against France. I was not overimpressed. I don't know whether Zwartkruis is on the right lines. He doesn't seem to have a settled side — though there may be factors of which he is aware and I'm not.

"Take Frans Thijssen, for example. I am told he has been

playing very well in England. But he already played for the national team several years ago. He's no youngster but he's done well and he will be in the team for Italy. But to pick him is a sign that Zwartkruis is looking back and that may not be good for Holland.

On the other hand Zwartkruis might say: 'What else can I do? With Neeskens in New York and now Wim Jansen going to Washington to

join Cruyff it's like an aircraft with two engines falling away."

Haan's tip for the finals? "It's difficult. There is always some outsider who springs a surprise. Maybe it could be Czechoslovakia, or Belgium. But I think the last four will be Italy, West Germany, England and Holland — and you'll have to work which placings out yourself. Don't ask me any more!"



Dutch World Cup star Arie Haan (right) evades a tackle from Argentina's brilliant striker Mario Kempes in the 1978 final. Looking on is Kempes's fellow striker Leopoldo Luque.

## Shilton foils Hamburg

MADRID — With a goal befitting the silver jubilee occasion, Nottingham Forest of England retained the European Cup when it beat West Germany's Hamburg 1-0 in the competition's 28th final.

Scottish international winger John Robertson was the Forest hero. After 20 minutes, and totally against the run of play, the burly forward hustled past two defenders and unleashed a low right-foot shot which went in off the foot of the post.

But Forest also had to thank English international keeper Peter Shilton as he fought a rearguard action against the surging Hamburg attack.

Four times Shilton produced exceptional

saves to foil a Hamburg team inspired by the

midfield control of captain Felix Magath. The 28-year-old West German international, assisted by the adventurous forays of full-back Manfred Kaltz, repeatedly probed the Nottingham defence.

But with Kenny Burns outstanding in defence, Forest withstood the onslaught of the white-clad Germans.

European Footballer-of-the-Year Kevin Keegan, the force behind Hamburg's recent success, was given no room by the Scottish international defence.

After the interval, Hamburg bolstered its attack by bringing on top goalscorer Horst Hrubesch, who was prevented from playing the full 90 minutes by an ankle injury.

## Zoff sets record

Dino Zoff, the veteran Italian goalkeeper, has es-

tablished a new record: He has been on the Juventus team without interruption in more than 240 games — since May 23, 1972. The previous record-holder was the equally famous fullback, Foni.

One of Holland's brightest young stars, Ernie Brandts, 23, is looking for a new team. The find of the Dutch national team in the 1978 World Cup, the tall, elegant Brandts wants to quit PSV Eindhoven where, because of a slump in form, he recently lost his starting place as a stopper. The Tampa Bay Rowdies and Los Angeles Aztecs have made bids for him but Brandts would prefer to remain in Europe. He is tipped to join a West German club soon — a move which would enable him to continue playing for the Dutch national team.

Paulo Roberto Falcão of International Porto Alegre is Brazil's Player of the Year. A poll involving 22 journalists resulted in the young striker finishing comfortably ahead of Socrates, Amaral, Zico, Zé Sérgio, Batista and others. Falcão is now the target of bids from the wealthy clubs of Rio and São Paulo. However, Falcão is reluctant to leave his provincial team where he says he is "cozy" and where he happens to earn \$80,000 a year — about 20 times the national average.

Osvaldo Ardiles, the brilliant Tottenham midfielder, said he would return home to Argentina next year, as Argentine head coach Luis Cesar Menotti for not consider any expatriates for his 1982 World Cup squad. Ardiles, one of the stars of Argentina's 1978 World Cup triumph, is deter-

mined to make the team in 1982.

Allan Simonsen is unhappy in Barcelona. The diminutive Dane claims he cannot produce his best under the "strange conditions." Says Simonsen: "West German soccer is tough; Spanish soccer is brutal." Hamburg, which has lost Kevin Keegan (to Southampton), is interested in signing Simonsen, who made a name for himself while, starring on another German team, Borussia Mönchengladbach.

NAMES IN THE NEWS... Brazilian coach DELEM has been sacked by São Paulo. HUGO GATTI may be leaving Boca Juniors for New York Cosmos. Anderlecht recall veteran Dutch goalkeeper VICTOR DE BREE. SERGIO CERRICLI, long-time mercenary in Italy, is new boss of Brazil's Palmeiras. GEORGE BEST is lined up to join Southampton. Czech goalkeeper ZDENEK KRUSKA may miss the European finals after injury on tour Down Under. GILBERT GRESS agrees to stay another year as boss of Strasbourg. Toulouse manager PIERRE CAHUZAC turns down trouble-troubled Marseille. Marseille line-up PSV goalkeeper JAN VAN BEVEREN.

Wladyslaw Zmuda, 35, asks Slask Wroclaw for a transfer. ANDERS LINDEROOTH quits Marseille to start the new Swedish season with promoted Mjallby. JURGEN UNDERMANN decides to quit Grasshoppers Zurich to return to West Germany, probably to Stuttgart. TCHIRK CAJKOVSKI is sacked by FC Zurich and replaced by veteran coach ALBERT SING.

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Trevor Brooking, the West Ham and England star whose goal gave the Hammers the 1980 F.A. Cup turned in his 500th game for the club in the final at Wembley.

Paul Allen of West Ham, at 17 years 256 days old, became the youngest player ever to appear in the FA Cup Final. Record was previously held by Howard Kendall, now player-manager of Blackburn Rovers who at 20 days short of his 18th birthday played in the 1964 Cup final with Preston North End.

Arsenal has played 67 league games and 27 Cup matches this season.

Don Revie has lost his 200 pounds a week post as boss of the United Arab Emirates who

## North Sydney forces draw, Melita still top

NSW State League

Melita 1 (Farrugia) Monaro 0 at Garside Park.  
Croatia 2 (Kafka, Culina) North Sydney 2 (Wilson, Leydon) at Pratten Park.  
Arncliffe 1 (Ainslie) Avala 1 (Czolnowski) at Hurstville.  
Sydney Olympic 4 Auburn 0 at Mona Park.  
Kur-Ring-Gai 2 Sutherland 1 at Parklands Oval.  
Canterbury 2 Manly 1 at Arlington.  
Bankstown 2 (Lembryk, Thompson) Paramatta City 0 at Bankstown.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita.....	10	1	1	20	5	21
Olympic.....	9	1	1	28	8	19
Canterbury.....	7	1	3	18	17	18
Avala.....	5	3	3	15	13	13
Auburn.....	5	2	4	17	18	12
Croatia.....	4	3	4	23	14	11
A'cliffe.....	4	3	4	20	17	11
Kur-ring-gai.....	3	3	4	16	17	9
Sutherland.....	3	3	5	10	12	9
Bankstown.....	4	-	6	15	20	8
North Sydney.....	3	2	5	13	21	8
Monaro.....	1	4	5	11	16	6
Paramatta.....	2	7	10	26	6	
Manly.....	1	2	8	10	21	4

## SECOND GRADE

Melita 6 (Cauci 2, Johnson, Jones, Hughes, Lee) Monaro 0.  
Arncliffe 2 (Duffy, Del Fakia) Avala 1 (Young).  
Croatia 4 (Rozo 2, Muratovic, Talbot) North Sydney 0.  
Auburn 1 Sydney Olympic 1.  
Kur-Ring-Gai 0 Sutherland 0.  
Canterbury Marrickville 0 Manly 0.  
Bankstown (Wilson) Paramatta City 0.

## THIRD GRADE

Bankstown 2 (Stace 2) Paramatta City 1 (Colleja).  
Arncliffe Scots 3 (Bugege, Kakkoris, Apostolouvakli) Avala 1 (Bateman).  
North Sydney 3 (Cammereri 2, Voukidis) Croatia 2 (Radman 2).  
Auburn 1 Sydney Olympic 0.  
Sutherland 2 Kur-Ring-Gai 1.  
Canterbury Marrickville 2 Manly 1.

North Sydney Inter, lying tenth in the competition, drew 2-2 with Croatia, in sixth place, at Pratten Park.

Croatia, with their recently imported stars, learned that a big effort is needed to overcome an enthusiastic, hard-running and hard working opposition.

Zdenko Kafka and Branko Culina scored for Croatia and Shane Wilson and Frank Leyden scored for North Sydney. North Sydney opened the scoring in the 42nd minute of the first half and Croatia equalised in the 23rd minute of the second half. The 42nd minute saw a good move which enabled Croatia to go to a 2-1 lead.

A sensational runaway by North Sydney in the final seconds saw a penalty awarded for hand.

Leyden converted the penalty in the allowed overtime. Norrie Porter and Mick Hanratty were the pick for North Sydney, while Kevin Coleman and Kafka were the danger men of Croatia.

Arncliffe were held to a 1-1 draw by Avala at Hurstville Park. Arncliffe dominated early but then succumbed to their more agile opponents.

Avala won the toss but never got within their opponents' area until the 18th minute when they came to life when Rodic passed to Deller, the ball finally coming to Duricic who shot well on the run, only the woodwork denying his team a goal.

In the 23rd minute Kodor was badly brought down inside the Arncliffe penalty area after he had putted the last defender but the referee waved play on.

A free kick one metre outside the box came to Czolnowski (ex-Marconi) who took the shot just over the head of the Arncliffe barrier and into the net to open the score.

In the second half Arncliffe went all out for the equaliser and Tracey twice broke through, forcing Ahrens to leave his charge and clear by using his feet.

Montgomery had a chance to succeed where Tracey failed when he had it over the bar from a good position but the best chance came to Tracey from a good move in the 68th minute but he shot too high. One minute later the same player was brought down in the penalty area and veteran Alan Ainslie converted from the spot.

GOLDEN BOOT AWARD: Lisbon). 19 — Skovboe (Naestved), Kempes (Valencia), Ba-jevic (AEK Athens), Langers (US Luxembourg), 18 — Thygesen (BK 1903), D. Müller (Köln), Larsen (Lokeren), Boyer (Southampton), Morena (Ejby), Larsen (Odense), Morris (Petersburg), Feyenoord), Kist (Alkmaar), Jordao (Sporting ren).

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## VAN DER ELST TO COSMOS

New York Cosmos has signed Belgium's finest player, Francois van der Elst but has agreed to allow van der Elst to play for Belgium in the European Championship finals. Cosmos will pay Anderlecht about \$1 million, and almost as much to the player under the terms of a three-year contract.

New coach Hennes Welsweiler will leave Cologne soon to take up his Cosmos appointment.

New players at Cosmos are Brazilian full back Oscar, Paraguayan midfielder Jorge Romero and Canadian full back Bruce Wilson.

Other changes in the North American Soccer League:

CHICAGO STING: Signed goalkeeper Phil Parkes from Vancouver. Retained stars include Karl-Heinz Granitz, Arno Steffenhagen, Jorgen Kristensen and Horst Blankenburg.

DALLAS TORNADO: Klaus

Toppmoeller joins from Kaiserslautern, and goalkeeper Alex Stepney returns.

EDMONTON DRILLERS: Will have Hamburg SV captain Peter Nogly.

FOR LAUDERDALE STRIKERS: Signed Francisco Marinho from New York Cosmos, and will still have Gerd Mueller and Teofil Cubillas in their line-up. Also, goalkeeper Fernando Herrera and defender Eduardo Bonvallet join from Chile.

LOS ANGELES AZTECS: Have lost Johan Cruyff but picked up Gary Etherington and Santiago Formoso from Cosmos.

MEMPHIS ROGUES: Picked up Tono Carbogniani from Cosmos.

PORTLAND TIMBERS: Newcomers are Willie Donachie and Stuart Lee from Manchester City.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES: New manager Bill Foulkes (ex-Manchester Utd) has signed Alfie Conn who played for Rangers, Spurs and Celtic.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS: Recent signings include Bruce Rioch and Ray Greaves, along with Swedish international Reine Almyvist.

TORONTO BLIZZARD: Francisco Morini has been signed from Juventus, and Peter Lorimer and Ivan Lukacevic both return.

UTAH ROUGHNECKS: Star signings are Johannes Edvaldson from Celtic and Viv Busby from Stoke City.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS: David Harvey joins from Leeds United, as does Ray Hankin. Rumor has it the club is close to signing Ruud Krol from Ajax.

WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS: They boast the No. 1 recruit to 1980, Johan Cruyff from Los Angeles Aztecs.

Leeds United has forked out 500,000 pounds to Sheffield United for star Argentinian midfielder Alex Sabella.

Prominent among free transfers are: Stewart Kennedy, goalkeeper with Glasgow Rangers who, as recently as 1975 had three full international caps for Scotland; John Aston the former Manchester United player who had 10 caps for England including World Cup appearances, now released by Blackpool, and 27-year-old Colin Barrett who was a first team regular with Nottingham Forest until last season when he had a knee ligament operation, now also freed.

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This week's match: v **ST GEORGE** at  
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black, red white trim  
black red white

This week's match: v **MARCONI-FAIRFIELD** at  
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COLOURS: Blue white stripes — Blue Shorts

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